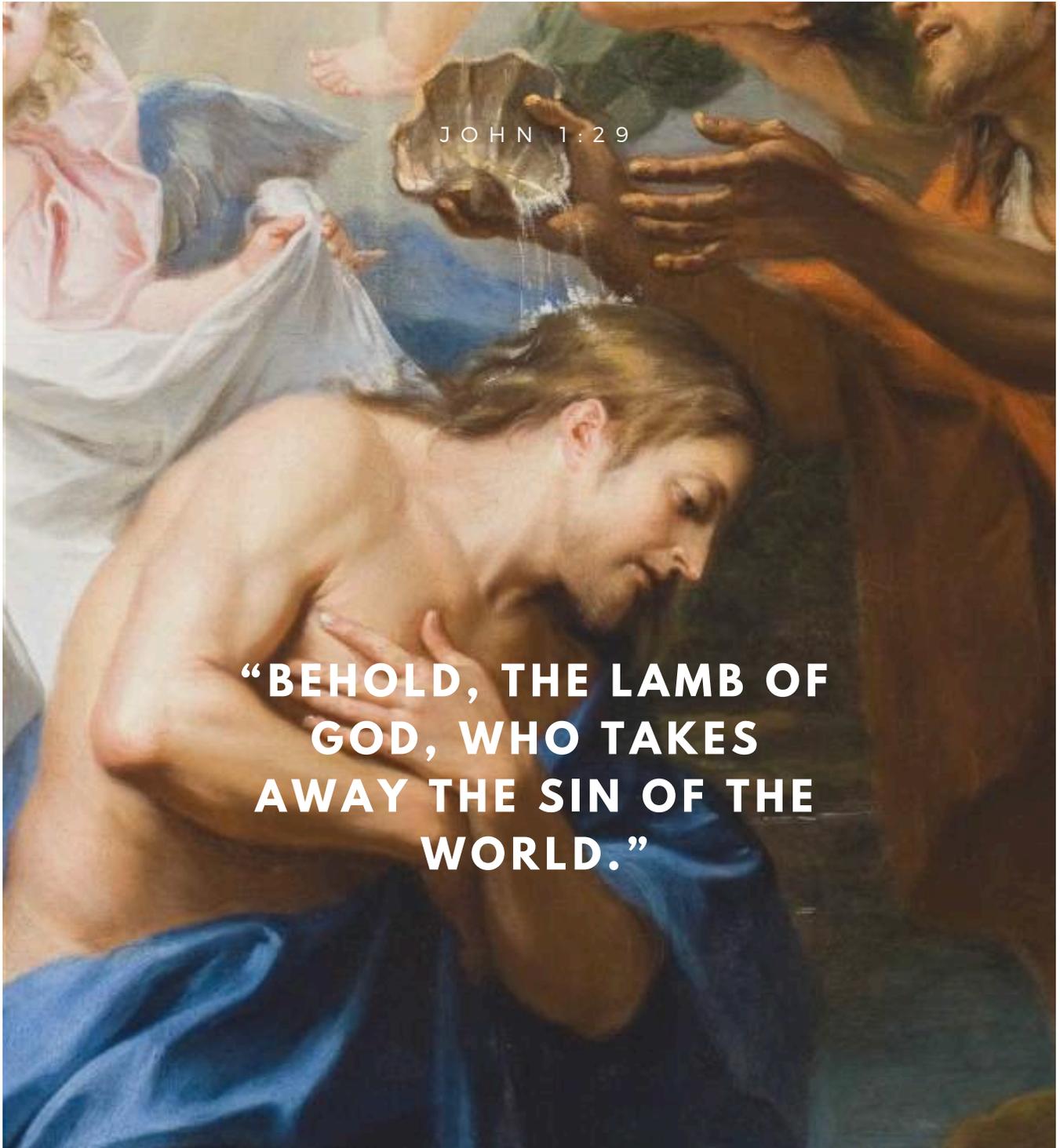


JESUS IS LORD!

PEOPLE OF HOPE

A COMMUNITY OF DISCIPLES ON MISSION



JANUARY 2026

“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

John 16:33

I WANT TO GIVE YOU A GIFT

“John 17:9 ‘It is for them that I pray for those you have given to me. I am not asking you to remove them from the world, but to protect them from the evil one.’ Oh, my People of Hope, you are a people of intercession. You stand in the breach for so many. You pray for your families, your brothers and sisters, your church, your parishes and for your nation. And I hear your prayers. Your prayers make me very happy. I wish to give you a gift, my People of Hope, this year. I wish to give you the gift of experiencing me and experiencing my mother. This is the gift I want to give you. You make me very happy with your prayers of intercession.”

ALLOW YOURSELF TO BE OVERSHADOWED BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

“And Mary said, how can this be since I do not know man? The angel said, the Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the most high will overshadow you, for nothing will be impossible with God.’ And so my sons and daughters when you ask how can this be? What am I to do? How will I ever get through this? The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the most high will overshadow you. My sons and my daughters, allow yourself to be overshadowed this year by the power of the Holy Spirit and watch what I, the Lord for whom there is nothing that is impossible, will do for you.”

**Prophecies from Mary Mother of God Mass
December 31, 2025**

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PEOPLE OF HOPE

Hold your eyes on God and leave the doing to him. That is all the doing you have to worry about.

ST JEANNE DE CHANTAL



MARY, MOTHER OF GOD MASS





2026 ANNIVERSARY VIDEO PROJECT

WITNESSING TO THE GOOD NEWS OF THE LORD

Preparing for our 50th Anniversary

MARTY BUGANSKI



On May 1st 2027, just over 15 months from now, the People of Hope will celebrate our 50th Anniversary as a community.

In preparation for this amazing blessing, a team was convened last summer to begin to plan for the celebration. In the months ahead you will be hearing more about those plans. In the meantime I listed below a few things that the team discussed to spark your interest. One of the team's overall goals is to have as many of our members as possible involved in making our anniversary a truly community experience.

Some of the ideas the team discussed

- On the May 1st, 2027, Anniversary Banquet at a local restaurant
- Community Video Projects (see more below)
- A Collection of members testimonies
- Family Picnic/celebration
- Pilgrimage (local and/or abroad)
- Concert
- Publishing a new Community Cookbook
- 50th Anniversary Memorabilia
- Creation of Community History

FLAGSHIP VIDEO

We are planning to have Laura Allen produce a series of videos for the community. The first of these videos is a “Flagship” video that is intended to capture the various lifestyles that make up our community life. Our plan is to view this video at our 49th Anniversary Banquet this Spring and then upload it to our website. We began recording for this video on January 17th and have a second recording session scheduled for this coming Saturday, January 31st.

Our hope is to have many other community members get involved in the future videos, either by being recorded themselves or helping with collecting and collating pictures or other items from our history.

If you have any ideas or would like to lend a hand with any of the ideas listed above, please contact me.

Marty Buganski



All images above are from our first film session on January 17th.

2026 will be a year of preparation, reflecting back on the Lord's faithfulness to the People of Hope over the years! Please pray for our efforts, that God may bless the work of our hands.

IGNITE

YOUTH MINISTRY



GREETINGS FROM IGNITE YOUTH MINISTRY!

Ignite has been busy! We have been working through our theme of “Virtues”. How are we called to live a virtuous life in this current generation? What are we following? Where is our attention, in a world that demands and clamors for our focus?

We've been looking at Scripture, the lives of the saints, and personal testimonies from our leaders.

And it is clear as hard as our teens have it, we aren't worse off than the previous generations or ages. God is still present, still speaking, and gives us the grace each day to grow in virtue.

Please keep us in your prayers as we continue to explore in new ways each virtue and how we can practice them in daily life. Let's be saints together!

JULIE
IGNITE YOUTH LEADER

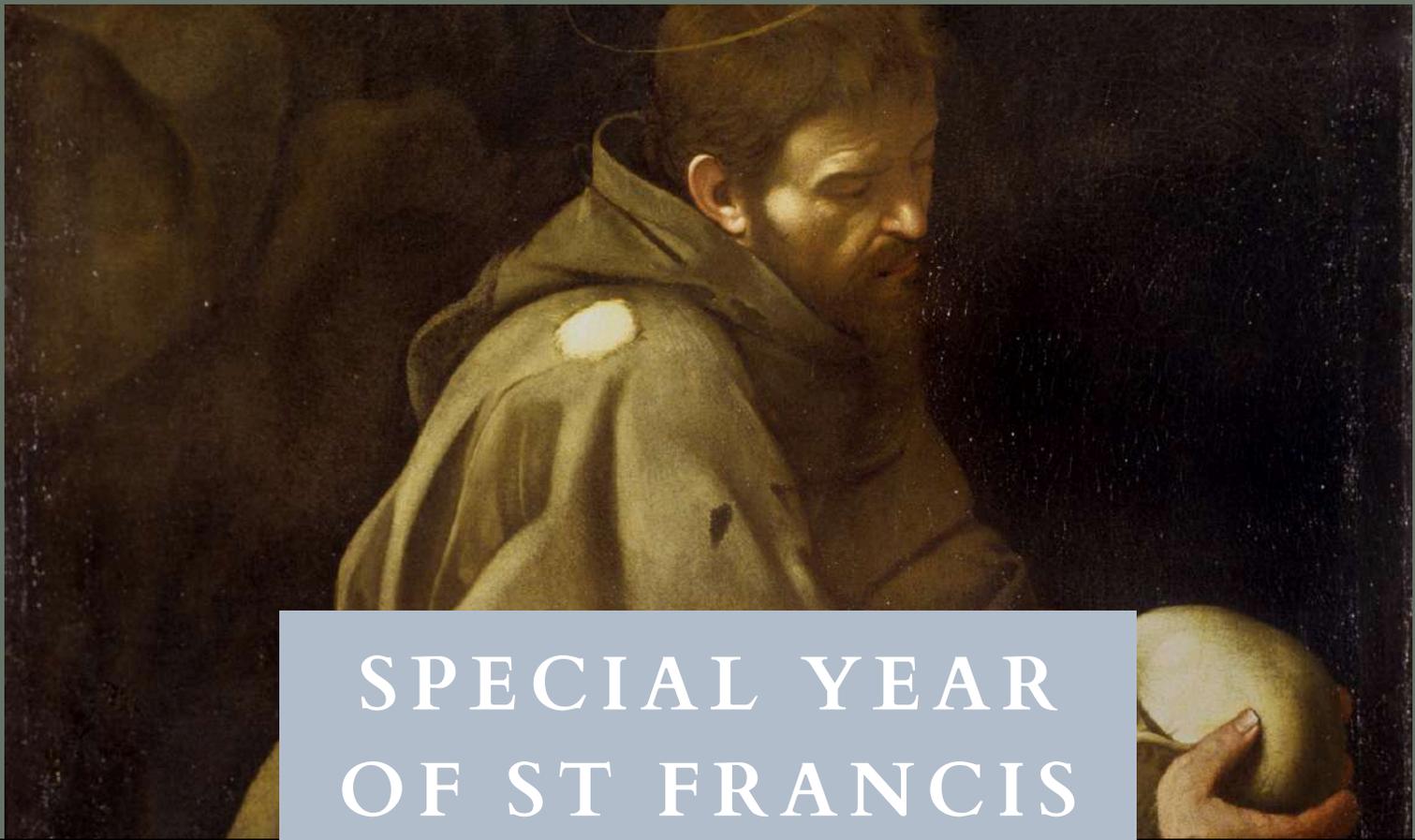
Note from our Gapper, Sofi!



I came back safely to Costa Rica, thank God, but I cannot continue my time back home without say thank you to you all. I'm especially grateful for all the people that put so much effort and time to make the mission GAP possible. And I want to thank all the POH community for all the love and warmth that I received from you. Now you are my second home and I will keep you in my prayers. God bless you and I love you!

-Sofi Fonseca

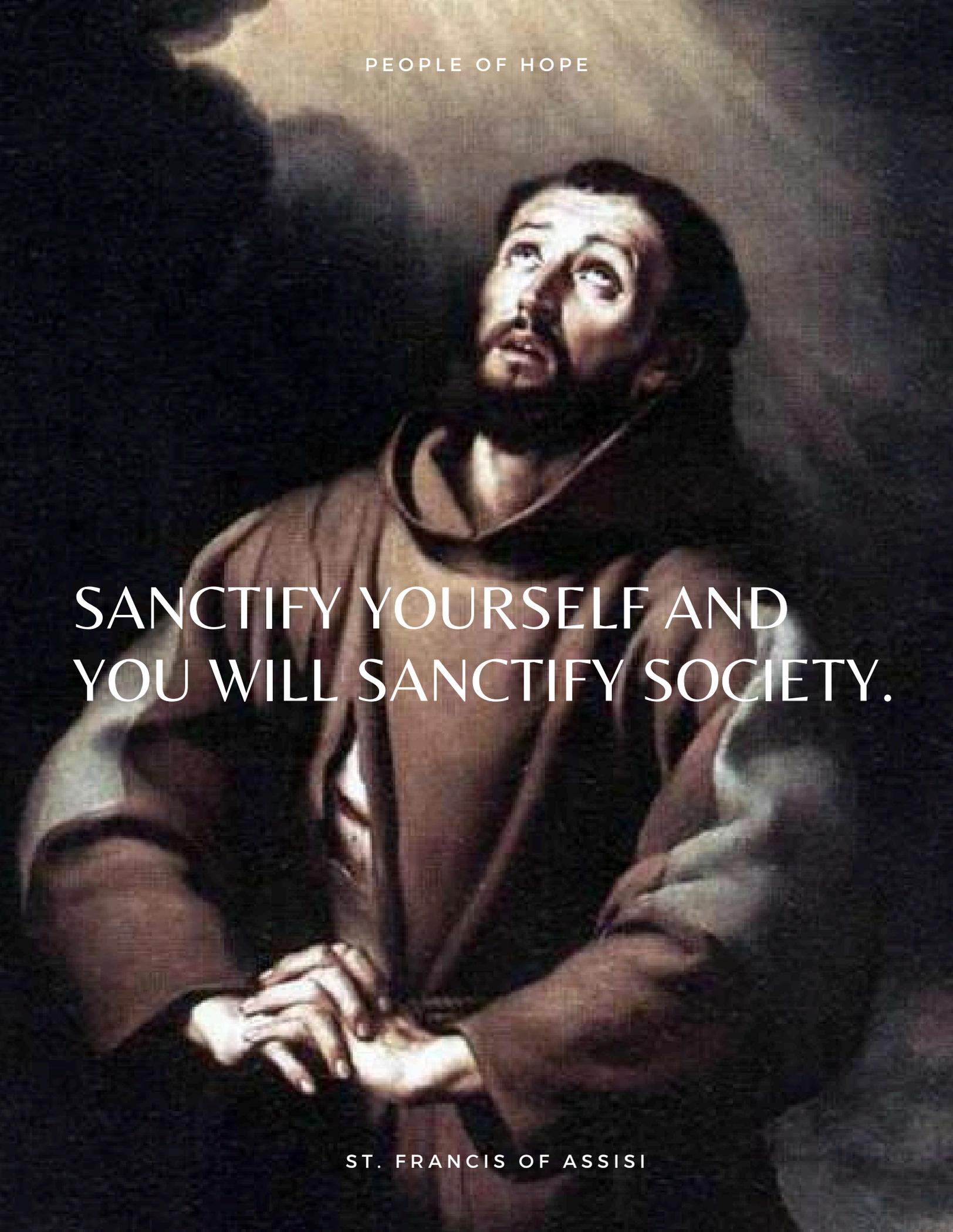




SPECIAL YEAR OF ST FRANCIS

Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed a special [“Franciscan Jubilee Year”](#) to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the saint's death. During this time of grace, which will extend until January 2027, the faithful are granted the opportunity to obtain a [plenary indulgence](#).



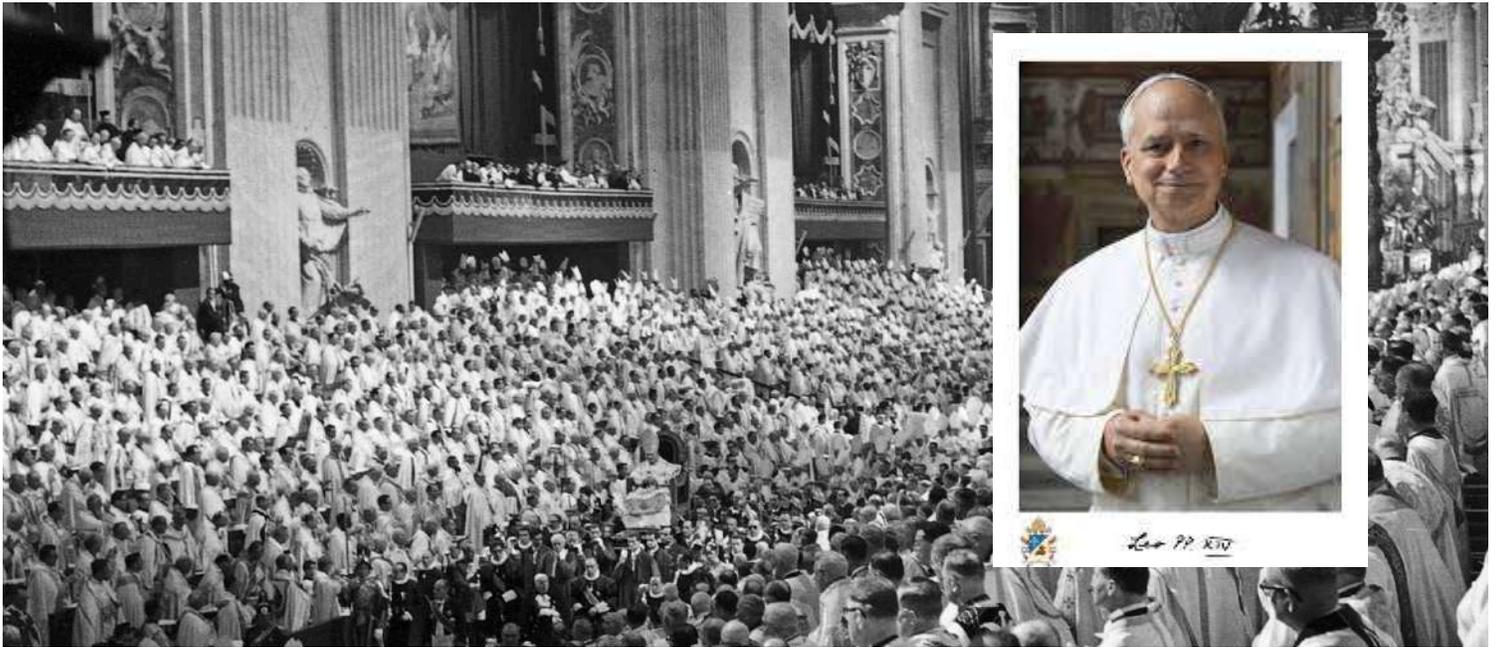


PEOPLE OF HOPE

SANCTIFY YOURSELF AND
YOU WILL SANCTIFY SOCIETY.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

POPE LEO XIV CALLS ON CATHOLICS TO REDISCOVER VATICAN II TEACHINGS



Pope Leo XIV launches a fresh series of weekly talks on the Second Vatican Council, urging Catholics worldwide to reread its documents and continue to be inspired by its prophetic teachings.

You can read more about this catechetical series in [summaries from the USCCB](#) or view [coverage on the papal announcement from Vatican News](#). The Vatican has also compiled all of the [original Vatican II documents](#) into a useful collection which can be found on the Vatican's official website here.

“After a rich biblical, theological and liturgical reflection spanning the twentieth century, Vatican Council II rediscovered the face of God as the Father who, in Christ, calls us to be his children; it looked at the Church in the light of Christ, light of nations, as a mystery of communion and sacrament of unity between God and his people; it initiated important liturgical reform, placing at its centre the mystery of salvation and the active and conscious participation of the entire People of God.

At the same time, it helped us to open up to the world and to embrace the changes and challenges of the modern age in dialogue and co-responsibility, as a Church that wishes to open her arms to humanity, to echo the hopes and anxieties of peoples, and to collaborate in building a more just and fraternal society.”

LEO XIV, GENERAL AUDIENCE, Wednesday, 7 January 2026

THE CLASSES AND DUTIES OF LIFE ARE MANY, BUT HOLINESS IS ONE—

that sanctity which is cultivated by all who are moved by the Spirit of God, and who obey the voice of the Father and worship God the Father in spirit and in truth.

These people follow the poor Christ, the humble and cross-bearing Christ in order to be worthy of being sharers in His glory.

IMMEDIATE NEED

- Kathy Garcia
- Eric Garcia
- Lynn Hull
- Paul Major
- Ginny Gallic
- Dave Touhill

SERIOUS & ONGOING

- Mary Ann Bastiaansen
- Eleanor Benson
- Clara Bickel
- Judy Bonnesen
- Peggy Camiolo
- Jackie Donnelley
- Margaret Fierro
- Shannon Hardy
- Joseph McMullen
- Gary Montemurno
- Danielle Neri
- Dan O'Mullan

Please visit our website peopleofhope.net/prayerintentions to see our complete list of our prayer intentions and to add to our list.

PRAYER PETITION HIGHLIGHT

DAUGHTERS OF HOPE

Lord thank You for this ministry to our senior women. It has brought so much life to our sisters including all those who serve in this ministry. Please continue to bless this wonderful work and inspire others to serve.

“Dismiss all anxiety from your minds. Present your needs to God in every form of prayer and petitions full of gratitude“.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ANCHOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, February 13
7:30-9:00 PM
St Vincent's De Paul - Stirling, NJ

LIGHTHOUSE PIZZA & ADORATION NIGHT

Friday, February 13
6:00-8:00PM
St Luke's Parish - North Plainfield, NJ

IGNITE LARGE GROUP

February 5th
7:30-9:00 PM
Koinonia Academy

IGNITE SMALL GROUP

February 19th
7:30-9:00 PM
Locations TBA

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IN LOVING MEMORY
ROSE MOLNAR

Born into earthly Life:

September 11, 1933

Baptized: September 23, 1933

Born into Eternal Life:

November 29, 2025



Maria Rosa D'Imperio was born in Elizabeth, NJ to Giovanni and Concetta on September 11, 1933 and baptized on September 23, 1933. She enjoyed a healthy and wholesome upbringing along with her brother Levio in their little slice of Italian heaven on East Jersey street in the heart of Elizabeth.

She met the love of her life, Raymond Stephen Molnar, also from Elizabeth, circa 1953. After dating for a couple of years they decided to tie the knot. Quickly came seven children and they were off on the adventure of raising a large family and settling in Cranford, NJ.

Rose was a loving wife, mother, daughter-in-law, sister-in-law, aunt, and a very beloved friend to so many. Ray and Rose built a beautiful life together, always seeking to serve the Lord as well as their family and friends. Theirs was a lifelong search for the "more" until they finally discovered the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. With this found there was no turning back and their lives belonged to Jesus and his people. Rose loved and served whomever the Lord put in her path, never counting the cost. She was wise, often dropping her pearls of wisdom to anyone who asked, and even if you didn't ask. She had a great sense of humor and kept us laughing. Rose was a treasure on this earth to all who knew and loved her, and she will be greatly missed. Thank you all for being such an important part of her life. We are eternally grateful for her and she will live forever in our hearts.