



# MODERN SAINTS

**MISSIONS FROM GOD**

How you can live your mission  
of holiness today!

## WORKBOOK

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## EVENT PRESENTER

### Dominic de Souza

A Cradle-Catholic passionate about how Faith, history, and science meet in today's world. Born in New Zealand, studied in Fiji and France, raised in Australia, and now living in the USA.

My conversion moment in 2012 launched a personal pilgrimage to rediscover my Faith. I wanted to love and understand Catholicism in the space age. But I also begin to realise how much of that must be done in a state of hope. Not resignation. Not revolution. But renewal.

Catholics must rediscover the inner life we are baptised into, and let that life out. Life is worth loving. And living!

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## ABOUT THIS EVENT

Every saint is a mission from God! These missions are messages for us right now.

The Church gives us saints in each century for a specific reason: to help us have tangible examples of holiness from our cultures. As much as we love the saints great and small from history, the saints from our time are ours. They're meant for us.

They walked our streets, saw our headlines, thought about similar futures, lived through the same World Wars. Modern models of holiness.

This is the challenge that our 'Modern Saints' event seeks to answer; what is the 'certain aspect of the Gospel' that the saints lived? If we don't know, then we won't understand the 'point' of the saints' lives.

Some surprising men and women allowed the living, bursting life of God to fill every cell of their being. And when they passed from this life, they entered a deeper, richer, wilder life – Heaven.

Every single one of us is called to live that same life of holiness, whether in Bangladesh, Boston, or Brisbane.

Every human being is called to plug into Christ right now. To literally go online with Heaven. That's the definition of sainthood – someone who 'got it', and checked in to what 'holiness' means.

We are called to this same kind of exciting, passionate, life. Called to be unlikely, surprising heroes. Each of us has a unique and individual path, with our own skills and interests, and dreams.

Just like the saints, you and I have a mission. The very fact that we're alive and privileged to be baptized into Christ means we were born with a job to do. A job that is the only way we will find holiness.

But if you're like me, and most of us, we need to find out what that mission is. We need to hear these saints' stories in a way that's relatable to who we are today.

And the best people to learn from are the ones who made it to Heaven ahead of us. Our lineup shares a small sample of the wealth of Heaven.

I'm glad you've joined us. The world needs what you have to give.

- Dominic

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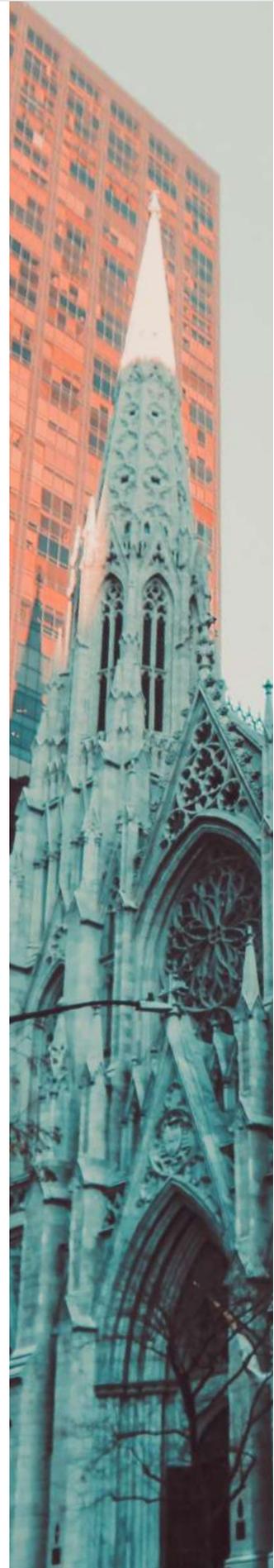
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## How to get the most out of this conference

### START WITH YOUR FAVORITE PRAYER

Any time we engage in formation and life in Christ, we must invite the Holy Spirit to act in us. Start each day asking help from your Guardian Angel, and invite Our Lady, the Holy Family, and your favorite patrons to pray for every speaker and attendee.

### WATCH THE VIDEOS

After each video, set aside a few moments to focus on the message. The videos are short so that you don't get overwhelmed with ideas.

### JOIN THE COMMUNITY

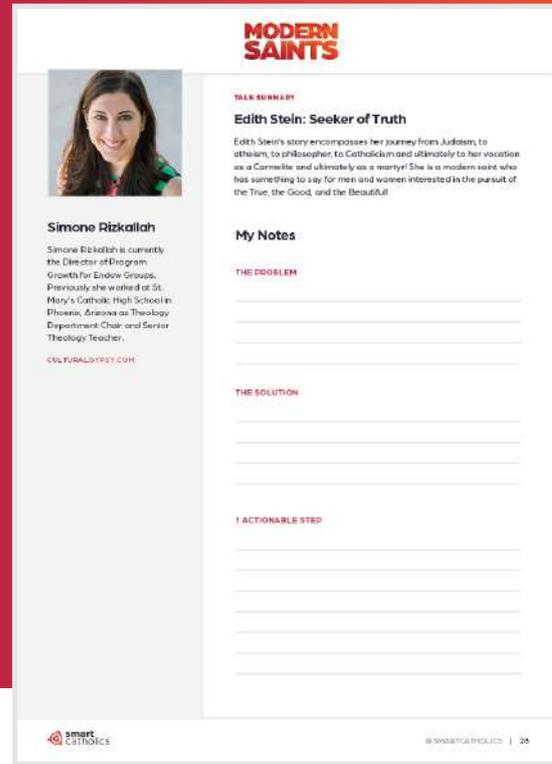
Come spend time with the speakers and other Catholics. Make friends, ask questions, and join in the conversations.

### JOIN THE DEEP DIVES

Some of our speakers provide in-depth programs to help you go more deeply, or spend more time on the topics that matter to you.

Chat with the speakers to find out how they can help you enrich your faith life, and resolve your questions.

## How to use this workbook



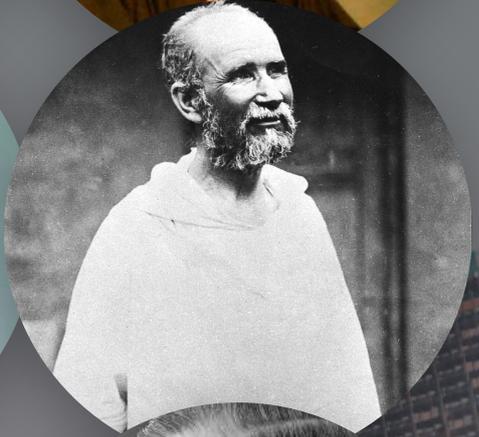
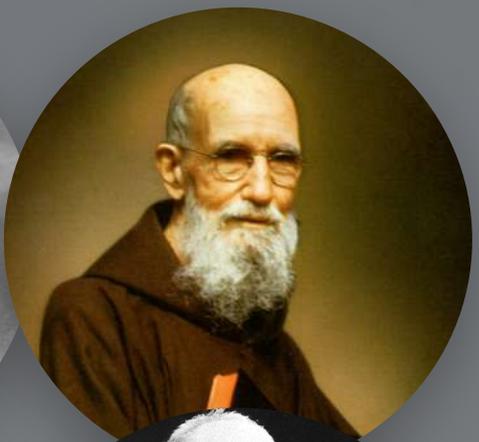
The speakers in this workbook are organized alphabetically, after the presenter.

Each speaker page has an area for you to jot your notes and ideas. Use the prompts; they are structured to help you organize your thoughts.

Each talk invites you to **highlight a problem** that must be addressed. Becoming aware of a problem is the first step to change.

Then **identify the goal**, the 'promised land' that we need to get to. What does it look like for you?

Lastly, **identify one actionable step** you can take today. Perhaps it's a daily moment, or a series of small actions. Lots of small efforts over time feel achievable, and build into progress.



*“Each saint is a mission, planned by the Father to reflect and embody, at a specific moment in history, a certain aspect of the Gospel.”*

POPE FRANCIS, 'GAUDETE ET EXULTATE'



## PRESENTER PROFILE

# Meet Dominic de Souza

### Growing up, I loved saints stories much, much more than the Catechism.

My parents taught me to look at the saints as my friends, to chat with them. Many of them became really close to me, such as St Joseph of Cupertino, the flying Friar. Or St Maria Goretti. Or Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati and his phenomenal grin.

My mom would always tell me to read about St Thomas Aquinas or St Bernard of Clairvaux, intellectual heavy weights of our heritage. But for some reason, I was drawn to these simple missions from God. I loved how much their lives were an act of love.

A few years ago, I worked on a project with friends on the saints, a social network for the saints. That's when I started to realize we don't have enough discussion around saints from our time.

And when I found our Holy Father's words on saints being 'missions from God' to particular times, this conference was born.

You see, I grew up with apocalyptic influences, a 'Sodom and Gomorrah' view of the world, where we - the faithful remnant - stand apart, bemoaning the rest of fallen mankind.

The more learned about the saints, the more I realized they did not see things that way. Not at all. They were the Church of ordinary people, sweaty, real, broken, and serving. They worked hard to be one of the 10 people who could have saved Sodom (Gen 18:32).

That's our call today. Yes, to judge with right judgement, but even more importantly, to love with deep love.

The saints were amazing examples of people who loved the unlovable, whether people, places, or positions. In our own ways, we have to find the line between rejecting the world, and loving the world for Christ.

Only then can we begin to see our own missions. Because each of us is also called to sainthood. Each of us is a mission from God to the modern world.

Together with the saints, maybe we can find out what we are.



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**TALK SUMMARY**

## Modern Saints: Missions to the World – & You Too!

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## Celeste Behe

Celeste Behe is a passionately Catholic writer, speaker, and storyteller. Celeste has written for several publications, including The National Catholic Register and Catholic Digest, and her column "The Catholic Storyteller" is published in her diocesan newspaper. A homeschooler and mother of nine, Celeste is also the creator of the podcast segment, "The Homeschool Housefly," which can be heard on the "Homeschooling Saints" podcast.

### TALK SUMMARY

## The Heavens Are Astounded": St. Faustina & the Divine Mercy Message for Prodigals

Our Lord Himself gave St. Faustina Kowalska the mission of spreading the message of Divine Mercy throughout the world. This talk focuses on God's extraordinary mercy, and how we can help our loved ones to be immersed in the "ocean of Divine Mercy."

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## Madeleine Carrington

Madeleine is the co-founder of Fire Up Ministries. She is also a high school teacher, Theology of the Body enthusiast and most importantly a wife and mother.

[FIREUPMINISTRIES.COM](http://FIREUPMINISTRIES.COM)

### TALK SUMMARY

## Edith Stein and the Feminine Genius

In this talk, Madeleine will unpack the inspirational writings by Edith Stein on women as well as discuss the relevance of them for us today. This talk will showcase how Edith Stein is a modern model of Femininity.

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## Nathan Crankfield

Nathan Crankfield chose to convert to the Catholic faith at age 13, becoming the first Catholic in his entire family. He is a graduate of Mount St. Mary's University, former Army Infantry Officer, and the President and Founder of Seeking Excellence. He currently serves as a resident director at Benedictine College.

[THOSEWHOSEEK.ORG](http://THOSEWHOSEEK.ORG)

### TALK SUMMARY

## To The Heights: How to Avoid Spiritual Mediocrity

God doesn't call us to lukewarmness. He created us for greatness. Come and learn how Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati's example of excellence can show us the way to fulfilling our potential through God's grace.

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## Anne DeSantis

Anne DeSantis is the Director of the St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation for Freedom, Family, and Faith. The foundation offers spiritual accompaniment for families in crisis.

[NONNATUS.ORG](http://NONNATUS.ORG)

### TALK SUMMARY

## St. Katherine Drexel: How She Loved Those in Need

St. Katherine Drexel is a modern saint who modeled love of the poor and marginalized. Learn more about how she did this and how we can model her in this 15 minute talk.

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## Dave DiNuzzo

Dave DiNuzzo Sr. is a Catholic, Husband, Father of 4, Speaker, Theology Teacher, and Evangelist. Dave has recently started the formation process of becoming a Roman Catholic Deacon. He started the apostolate of TrueManhood in 2008 and has traveled the world speaking, teaching, and leading retreats for the faithful.

[TRUEMANHOOD.COM](http://TRUEMANHOOD.COM)

### TALK SUMMARY

## Ven. Fr. Capodanno – Lay It Down

Venerable Father Vincent Capodanno lived heroic virtue unlike any other saint in modern times. Dying on the battlefield, using his body as a human shield, the “Grunt Padre” exemplified self-sacrifice and the actual “laying his life down for his friends.” Fr. Vince’s life shows us that sainthood in modernity is possible!

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## Robert Haddad

Robert Haddad lives in Sydney, Australia. He holds nine university qualifications in the areas of law, theology, philosophy, education, religious education, and executive management. In addition to his studies, Robert has authored ten books, selling over 60,000 copies, his most popular being "Defend the Faith!" and "1001 Reasons Why It's Great to be Catholic!" Currently, he works as the Manager, Network Catholic Identity for the Sydney Catholic Schools Office.

### TALK SUMMARY

## No Greater Love – St Damien of Molokai

Jesus Christ calls us to loving lives of service, sacrifice and suffering. He also declared that the greatest love one can show is to lay down one's life for others. St Damien of Molokai was an example of such love, someone who gave up everything and sacrificed his life to serve the spiritual and material needs of the lepers of Molokai, Hawaii.

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## Chantal Howard

Chantal is a wife and homeschooling mother of six children. She is a national speaker and author of *The School of the Family* and *The Family Rule*. As an essential oil advocate and leadership coach, she seeks to help families become healthy, holy and free.

[CHANTAL-HOWARD.COM](http://CHANTAL-HOWARD.COM)

### TALK SUMMARY

## St. Zelig – Icon for Momtrepreneurs

As a wife, mother, and business owner, St. Zelig Martin allows us to see that it is still possible to ascend to the heights of holiness and profound union with God – while muddying our hands in the pursuit of our goals. Come away with a new take on personal awareness and identity, developing talents and potential, and contributing to the realization of your dreams.

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## Dr. Peter Howard

Dr. Peter Howard is the father of 6 children and holds a Doctorate in Sacred Theology from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome. Peter is a Mariologist and world renowned expert, speaker and author on the teachings of Venerable Fulton J. Sheen. Dr. Howard is the founder and president of the Fulton Sheen Institute.

[FULTONSHEEN.INSTITUTE](http://FULTONSHEEN.INSTITUTE)

### TALK SUMMARY

## Fulton Sheen & the Revolution We Must Win Today

The world has arrived at its most pivotal moment since the time of Christ. Sheen foresaw our crisis 80 years ago and this talk will give a few of his key insights into understanding the evil we are up against and how we are to defeat it.

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## Pedro Gabriel

Pedro Gabriel, MD, is a Catholic layman and physician, born and residing in Portugal. He is a medical oncologist, currently employed in a Portuguese public hospital. A published writer of Catholic novels with a Tolkienite flavor, he is also a parish reader and a former catechist. He seeks to better understand the relationship of God and Man by putting the lens on the frailty of the human condition, be it physical and spiritual. He also wishes to provide a fresh perspective of current Church and World affairs from the point of view of a small western European country, highly secularized but also highly Catholic by tradition.

### TALK SUMMARY

## St. Junípero Serra: Imperfect Saints and Dialogue with Modern man

Modern man tends to view ancient saints with suspicion, especially when they had imperfections common to their time. (St. Junípero Serra, St. Louis IX...) Is it impossible to bridge this gap between ancient saints and modern man? The imperfections of the saints can actually help us see them in a new light, and help us grow in holiness.

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## Allison Gingras

Allison Gingras is the creator and author of Stay Connected Journals for Catholic Women, published by Our Sunday Visitor. Allison shares her Catholic Faith and always evolving relationship with Jesus with laughter and honesty, and how it is lived in the everyday, ordinary of life!

[RECONCILEDTOYOU.COM](http://RECONCILEDTOYOU.COM)

### TALK SUMMARY

## Entangled with Faustina

Have you ever experienced a clear sign that someone wants to be your friend? How about when that person is a Saint? Trust me, my Faustina story is good!

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## Sam Guzman

Sam is an author, blogger, occasional poet and the Founder and Editor of Catholic Gentleman. He's a frequent guest on multiple Catholic Radio sites and his first book will be released soon. He's a father and husband and striving for Sainthood.

[CATHOLICGENTLEMAN.NET](http://CATHOLICGENTLEMAN.NET)

### TALK SUMMARY

## Blessed Charles de Foucauld, a Saint of Our Time

Bl. Charles witnessed to Christ in a hostile environment. Here's what we can learn from him.

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## Marek Rudak

An Army Ranger who fought in two wars, Marek Rudak noticed time and again how men can accomplish the impossible – with friends. The bonds created in such high-performing teams drive out fear. Today, he helps Christian men grow beyond loneliness and fear, and live life based on what truly matters.

In 2020, he published a #1 Amazon New Release, “The Love Driven Man.”

[MAREKRUDAK.COM](http://MAREKRUDAK.COM)

### TALK SUMMARY

## Four Strategies for Growing through Suffering Based on St. Faustina’s Diary

In this talk, you will pick up practical tips that will help you to get closer to God during difficult situations. You will hear quotes from St. Faustina’s diary that will strengthen your resolve and help you find meaning in the wait.

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## Robert LeBlanc

Robert is a Catholic, husband and father, author and speaker who has worked in Catholic education for over 25 years, and has been involved in Parish catechesis for over 10 years.

[CATHOLICMOMENT.CA](http://CATHOLICMOMENT.CA)

### TALK SUMMARY

## The Shepherd Children of Fatima

The example of the saintly lives of the Shepherd Children of Fatima is as important as the Message of Fatima for our times. Through their witness of childlike faith, Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta act as guides for our Spiritual journey. By examining the lives of these visionaries from a century ago, we can learn how to live saintly lives ourselves, so as to be shepherds ourselves for the lambs God has entrusted to us.

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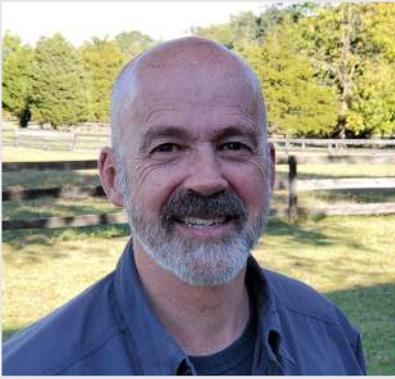
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## Shannon McGurk

Shannon McGurk, a Type-A in recovery (from being a Type-A!) and the happily married father of 12 children (despite wanting no children when he got married!) He's an American entrepreneur, soldier, author and speaker, and the founder of Authentic Masculinity, a Men's Lifestyle project. Shannon founded Authentic Masculinity after rebuilding his life and marriage following the perfect storm of crashing a business, a child's successful battle against cancer while simultaneously battling other family medical challenges.

[AUTHENTICMASCULINITY.COM](http://AUTHENTICMASCULINITY.COM)

### TALK SUMMARY

## How Christ-centered Masculine Servanthood Can Save the World

Using Blessed Solanus Casey as an example, Shannon introduces listeners to Authentically Masculine men's calling to fulfill their Privileged Responsibilities of Prince, Priest, prophet, Provider and protector in the Modern World

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## Efran Menny

Efran Menny is a passionate follower of Jesus Christ and a convert to the Catholic Church. He enjoys being a loving husband and family man. When he isn't blogging, he enjoys spending time watching films or reading about Catholicism.

### TALK SUMMARY

## Blessed Stanley Rother: An Inspiring Shepherd

This talk will help those understand why the saints challenge us to emulate their lives as they submitted to God. With Pope Francis' beatification of this selfless American shepherd, he has given the Church an empowering servant and example of love.

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## Patrick Novecosky

Patrick Novecosky is an award-winning author and journalist with a passion for the New Evangelization and Pope St. John Paul II, whom he met five times. He has spoken in six countries around the world and works as a pro-life activist.

[PATRICKNOVECOSKY.COM](http://PATRICKNOVECOSKY.COM)

### TALK SUMMARY

## John Paul II's Answer to Social Unrest

John Paul II knew social unrest better than most modern leaders. He grew up in Communist Poland and led the Church against an atheistic regime. His message was clear: Man is not fully man without God. The world today needs John Paul's message now more than ever!

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## Katherine O'Brien

Katherine is the mother of nine, three of whom are in heaven, a Benedictine Oblate, and a doctoral student in theology. A revert, she has been strongly influenced by the writing of Pope St. John Paul II. In addition to reading, writing, and speaking, she is a college consultant and enjoys music. She lives in the Midwest with a few of her children.

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### TALK SUMMARY

## Holy Parents, Holy Children: The Parents of St. Thérèse of Lisieux and Pope St. John Paul II

The holy parents of the Little Flower and St. John Paul II teach us much about meeting life's challenges and trials with acceptance and peace born from deep faith and strong prayer lives. We also see how the lessons of these parents impacted the powerful writings of their holy children.

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## Charbel Raish

Charbel works full time with Parousia, specializing in Faith Formation resources and events. Charbel gives multiple talks on Evangelisation and Faith Formation, the Bible timeline, as well as a personal testimony on how Islam led him to Christ. Charbel has a passion for helping people get closer to discovering the fullness of Truth and invites anyone who is willing to help him on this mission of evangelisation through Parousia.

[PAROUSIAMEDIA.COM](http://PAROUSIAMEDIA.COM)

### TALK SUMMARY

## St Charbel Makhlouf: True Heroes in Heaven

We need heroes today! But we shouldn't ignore the saints in Heaven. St. Charbel, the 'Miracle Monk of Lebanon,' lived in a great spirit of prayer and sacrifice to serve and love others. He is a reminder for us today to live in the presence of God, in the presence of the Eucharist. Live with Heaven in mind.

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## Steve Ray

Steve Ray is a convert to the Catholic Church and the author of three best-selling Ignatius Press books ("Crossing the Tiber", "Upon this Rock", and "St. John's Gospel"). Steve and his wife Janet and are certified guides to the Holy Land and lead pilgrimages throughout the Middle East and Rome.

[CATHOLICCONVERT.COM](http://CATHOLICCONVERT.COM)

### TALK SUMMARY

## Padre Pio – A Saint for Today

We have a dearth of larger than life heroes and champions today. Padre Pio lived in our lifetime and was a model of deep spirituality, miracles, supernatural events, and holiness of life. He was loved by millions and 100,000 attended his funeral. You will LOVE his life story.

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## Emmanuel Rentoy

Emmanuel Rentoy is a lecturer from the University of Asia and the Pacific (UA&P), and is the only accredited speaker of the Center for the 4th & 5th Rs Asia where he also serves as Executive Director. He founded Westbridge School in the Philippines, and established CATALYST for Professional Development, a private institution championing character formation. He has been a classroom teacher for the last 33 years.

[ASKCHRISTOPHERWEST.COM](http://ASKCHRISTOPHERWEST.COM)

### TALK SUMMARY

## St. Josemaria: A Saint for Modern Times

The message of St. Josemaria is highly relevant to the needs of the times: drowning evil in an abundance of good, turning busy work into prayer, the role of the laity in re-evangelizing society, the need to deepen one's love for the Catholic Faith. As he always said: "as old as the Gospel, and like the Gospel, new!"

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## Simone Rizkallah

Simone Rizkallah is currently the Director of Program Growth for Endow Groups. Previously she worked at St. Mary's Catholic High School in Phoenix, Arizona as Theology Department Chair and Senior Theology Teacher.

[CULTURALGYPSY.COM](http://CULTURALGYPSY.COM)

### TALK SUMMARY

## Edith Stein: Seeker of Truth

Edith Stein's story encompasses her journey from Judaism, to atheism, to philosopher, to Catholicism and ultimately to her vocation as a Carmelite and ultimately as a martyr! She is a modern saint who has something to say for men and women interested in the pursuit of the True, the Good, and the Beautiful!

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## Mikki Sciba

Mikki Sciba is the Catechetical Specialist for the St. Philip Institute of Catechesis and Evangelization in the Diocese of Tyler.

### TALK SUMMARY

## St. Teresa of Kolkata: All for Jesus

Mother Teresa once said, "I have been longing to be all for Jesus and to make other souls come and love Him fervently." She knew her life and mission belonged to God, and being all for Jesus requires surrender. We will touch on some stories from her life and learn valuable lessons on how to be "All for Jesus."

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## Taylor Schroll

Taylor is the founder of Forte Catholic where he is a speaker, worship leader, podcast/radio host. His mission is to “Make Catholicism Fun Again” by sharing the Joy of the Gospel in all that he does.

[FORTECATHOLIC.COM](http://FORTECATHOLIC.COM)

### TALK SUMMARY

## The Next Great Saint

Pope Francis just beatified Bl. Carlo Acutis which is reminding us all that sainthood is possible. With that in mind, I want to share with you about the next great saint: you. This is our call, our command and it’s possible.

## My Notes

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## Christina Semmens

Christina Semmens is a Roman Catholic author, speaker, and coach, and host of the Say Yes to Holiness podcast. She currently lives in Fort Payne, Alabama where she strives to live out a life of authentic discipleship in the pursuit of holiness while empowering, teaching and accompanying others in striving to do the same.

[SAYYESTOHOLINESS.COM](http://SAYYESTOHOLINESS.COM)

### TALK SUMMARY

## 7 Characteristics All Saints Have (and You Can Too!)

Knowing what characteristics all saints have, plus knowledge of the reality that it is possible for each and every one of us to be a saint in our world today, is fundamental to being inspired, encouraged and empowered to embrace the life God created each of us for--to be living, breathing, wonder working saints!

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## Al Smith

Pipe Fitter, Catholic Evangelist, Radio Host, Retreat Director, Archbishop Sheen Expert. Husband, Father, Grandfather and Business Owner.

[BISHOPSHEENTODAY.COM](http://BISHOPSHEENTODAY.COM)

### TALK SUMMARY

## Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen – A Man For All Media and a Prophet for Our Times

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen used all forms of media available to him to share the gospel message. He was a prophet for our times and was not afraid to engage the culture in a “spiritual conversation”. I will share the five secret weapons that Archbishop Sheen used to help millions find some true “Peace of Soul”.

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## Rachel Ullmann

Rachel serves as the Executive Director of The GIVEN Institute which seeks to activate the gifts of young adult women for the Church and the world. A graduate of Franciscan University of Steubenville, she majored in Theology and Catechetics and then obtained her Masters in Education Administration from Johns Hopkins University.

[GIVENINSTITUTE.COM](http://GIVENINSTITUTE.COM)

### TALK SUMMARY

## Wonder Women – Rise Up!

While exploring JPPII’s Mediation on Givenness and throwing in plenty of pop culture references, Rachel shares the key to restoring culture...raising up Catholic female leaders! Through the example of Our Lady of Guadalupe, woman can heal a hurting world.

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## Sr Nancy Usselmann

Sr Nancy Usselmann is a Daughter of St Paul and Director of the Pauline Center for Media Studies in Los Angeles. She is a theologian, writer, presenter, film reviewer and author of the award-winning book on theology and pop culture, "A Sacred Look: Becoming Cultural Mystics."

[MEDIAPPOSTLE.COM](http://MEDIAPPOSTLE.COM)

### TALK SUMMARY

## The Media Apostle: Blessed James Alberione

Blessed James Alberione would say, "We are not called to save the people who lived two centuries ago who had no radio, television or cinema... but those who live today!" He was the first to take on media as his sole mission and apostolate in the Church. A modern giant of evangelization!

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**SPEAKER**

## Rachel Watkins

Wife to Matt, Mom to 11 as well as creator and developer of the Little Flowers Girls' Program; helping our daughters grow a little holier, one virtue at a time. Also a contributor to More2Life on EWTN radio with Dr. Greg and Lisa Popcak.

[SAYYESTOHOLINESS.COM](http://SAYYESTOHOLINESS.COM)

**TALK SUMMARY**

## The Wisdom of St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

While we can feel intimidated by the intellectual gravitas of some saints, each one wants to reveal God's deep love in some way. Never let a saint's credentials keep you from learning something new about yourself and your faith from their life or teachings.

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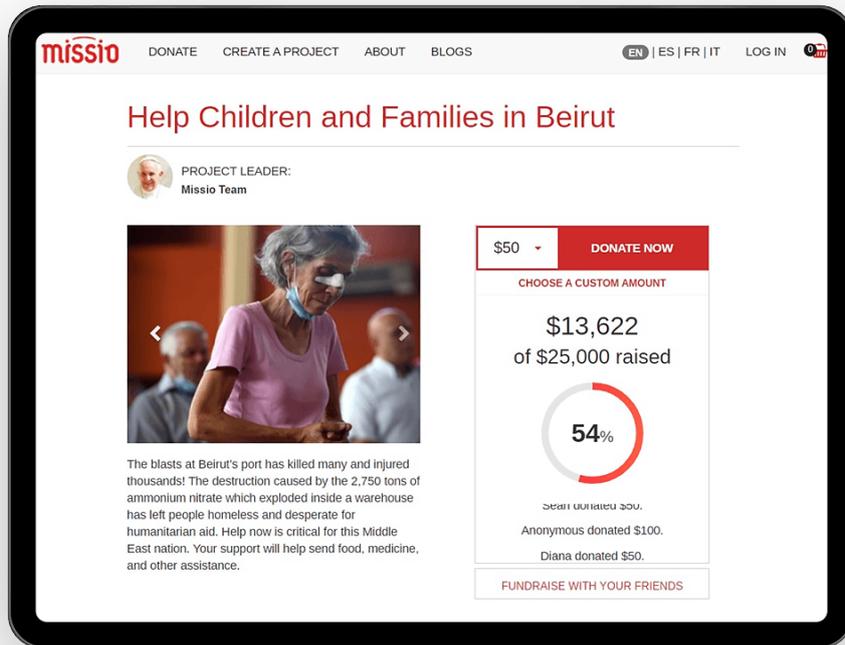
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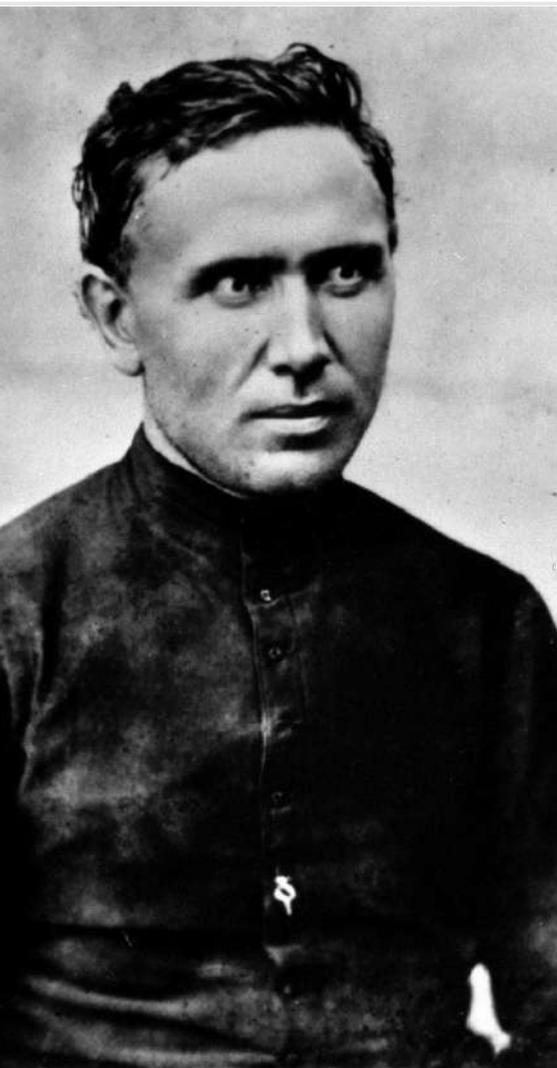
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