

PREDESTINED

Those whom God foreknew, He predestined to share the image of His Son. Those He predestined, He likewise called; those He called, He also justified. (Romans 8:29-30)

St. Padre Pio spent much of his time in the confessional. One should always strive to remain in a state of grace. One day as Padre Pio was hearing confessions a young girl came in to confess, as soon as she knelt down, Padre Pio said: "What have you done?" The girl did not answer. Padre Pio said: "Do you see a vision"? She answered, "No"; again Padre Pio asked, "Now do you see a vision"? She replied, "Yes, but not clearly". Again he asked "Now do you see it"? The girl replied, "Yes, I see a Pope, he is very handsome. Padre Pio said: "The baby you aborted was destined to become Pope".

Every person ever born, has been destined to do something special for God, that only that person can do. Every person born is unique, there are not two persons that are exactly alike. Everyone has received special gifts from God to do what they have been born to do. Sad to say, many die without having done that for which they were created. Human beings were created to glorify God through his (her) deeds. We should live only for God.

THOU SHALL NOT KILL

Abortion and Euthanasia is too lightly taken today. Satan has blinded the minds of unbelievers. (2 Corinthians 4-3-4)

We have been given our body by Our Heavenly Father. One day we will have to give an accounting of how we have used it in the world. Babies suffer and die through no fault of theirs. Never having received the opportunity to do for God what they have been destined to do. The sanctity of human life – there is no human being who is disposable. Truly, Our Heavenly Father has sent us His Beloved Son to come into the world, to suffer and die that we may be redeemed. What tremendous sorrow God has for those who do not believe nor trust in His Divine Mercy.

HOLY FACE

According to the care you take in making reparation to My Holy Face, disfigured by blasphemers, I will take care of yours, which has been disfigured by sin. I promise personal and spiritual protection to all who venerate this medal. Devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus is devotion to the Sacred Heart, Devotion to the Divine Love, Devotion to Divine Mercy, and striving to live in the Divine Will.

(Newsletter by Gordon Deery, S.F.O. HFA)

Holy Face Association/ Our Lady of the Holy Face
USA: P.O. Box 821, Champlain, New York, 12919-0821
Canada: PO Box 310, Station B, Montreal, Quebec H3B 3J7

Tel USA: 518- 320-8570 - Tel Canada: 514-747-0357
Fax: 514-747-9147, Website: <http://www.holyface.com>

"O that today you would listen to His voice, harden not your hearts" – Psalm 95



I PROMISE PERSONAL AND SPIRITUAL PROTECTION TO ALL WHO VENERATE THIS MEDAL.

THIS IS THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS CHRIST, WHICH PEOPLE SPAT UPON, SLAPPED, PUNCHED, LAUGHED AT, RIDICULED, AND BLASPHEMED. THEY TREATED HIM AS A FAKE KING.

BLASPHEMY

Today this blasphemy continues as a public and private spectacle. It is now being carried out by the disregard and disrespect for believers, for the Catholic Church, for the teachings of the Catholic Church, and for the Sacraments and norms of the Catholic Church. Today the blasphemy, like no other time in history is being carried out publicly, for all to see, in every aspect of social life.

How many do not realize that they blaspheme God to His Face? The blasphemies are profound both in number and in type. Our Lord said to Sister St. Pierre;

"The worst possible sin a person can commit is the sin of blasphemy".

To address the cancer of blasphemy, Jesus gave a divine remedy to Sister St. Pierre. It is called the "Golden Arrow Prayer of Reparation". Its purpose is to make reparation for the blasphemies primarily against His Holy Name, and also for sins against the first three commandments of God.

THE GOLDEN ARROW

May the most Holy, most Sacred, most Adorable, most incomprehensible and ineffable Name of God be forever praised, blessed, loved, adored and glorified in Heaven, on earth, and under the earth, by all the creatures of God, and by the Sacred Heart of Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. Amen.

(Dictated by Our Lord to Sr. Marie of St. Pierre)

In spite of tremendous access to the Bible, so few make it a priority to read the inspired "Word of God" (Sacred Scriptures) and fewer still act upon it.

The Bible, over 600 times, encourages us to seek the Face of God. Is this not the way to resolve many problems?

THE BLESSED MOTHER

Our Blessed Mother has, in many different apparitions, shown us how to stay on the narrow path to Heaven by prayer and fasting. *"You have forgotten that with prayer and fasting you can ward off wars, suspend natural laws"*. She asks that we not judge anyone; that we pray the rosary everyday; that we go to confession often (monthly), and receive Jesus. On the back of the Holy Face medal is a constant reminder to make frequent "spiritual communions".

THE LOVING ARMS OF JESUS

When you place the Holy Face medal around your neck, it is like inviting the embrace of Jesus. He watches over you in a very special way because you are asking Him to take over your life and run it for you. Often, within a short period of time, many feel a peace come upon them, which is not of this world. You are open to God's love and protection. However, no matter how much we want to return this great love, Our Lord is never outdone in giving.

THE BATTLE FOR SOULS

Pope Francis invites us: "To go out through the whole world and evangelize". We grow in faith when we are full of zeal and boldly show forth the Holy Face of Jesus. Our Lord said to Blessed Maria Pierina; "Through My Holy Face you will work wonders". Our Lord wishes His Holy Face to be seen and venerated by everyone. The Holy Face of Jesus should be proudly enshrined in all the churches throughout the world. Jesus said by His Holy Face numberless souls shall be converted. Therefore, who can refuse hearing Our Lord's plea to save souls.

ZEAL

When someone loves God and neighbor with their heart, and by their lives, they become fit for the work of God. They will make Jesus better known and loved. We ourselves need to become spiritualized, as well as, to assist our brothers and sisters in the war against the evil spirits (the devil). To remain alert during this battle, one must strive to remain in a state of grace. Even then, the devil will not stop his evil; we must persevere twelve months of the year. Human beings may take a break from doing God's work but the devil will not stop; he will work harder because no one is in his way. Let us remember, we will one day have to give an accounting of what we have done for Jesus. Let us be open to the inspirations of God.

LOVE

Love knows no limits and yet is fervent. It embraces burdens, makes light of its labors, and tries to do all it can – because with Christ, nothing is impossible. Love desires to do all things for the beloved. Love is sincere, pious, joyful, and glad, it is strong, patient, faithful, wise, courageous, and never self-seeking – for that would destroy it.

BLESSED SACRAMENT

What other peoples are so fortunate as the Christian people? What creature under Heaven is so beloved as a devout soul whom God feeds with His own glorious Body and Blood? O Grace unspeakable, O marvelous condescension, O love without measure, bestowed on man. (Imitation of Christ 4-13)

THE INHERITANCE OF THE IMAGE OF THE SON

Sometimes a story, movie, song or an urban legend captures our imagination by unveiling a profound truth. Jesus, the master teacher used parables to sensitize the hearts and minds of his audience to the Gospel. The story of "**The Inheritance of the Image of the Son**" has taken many forms and can be traced back, variously, to a book published in 1954.

The story is about a war hero who dies saving the life of a comrade in arms. As a tribute to the heroic sacrifice, the soldier, whose life was spared, gives a painting of the son to the young man's father. The wealthy father leaves the painting to be auctioned-off in his will. According to the directives in the will, the painting of the son is to be auctioned first.

However, there was little interest in the painting of the son. Those in attendance at the auction were impatient to bid on the remaining collection – highly valued art treasures. At this moment, a poor man bid all he had in his pocket; it was a few dollars. As he approached to collect the painting, restlessness hung in the air. Suddenly, the auctioneer declared the auction closed. Over the shouts of loud protest came the announcement:

"The father's will clearly states that whoever takes the son gets the entire inheritance!"

It is here where the story captures the deeper meaning of a "Crucified Saviour". It is here where Sacred Scripture and Tradition is made plain:

"We preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentile"
(1 Corinthians 1:23).

The world values those treasures, which have currency in the present times and circumstances. But, the treasures stored-up in heaven are reserved for those who, during their earthly pilgrimage, place ultimate value on "**the image**" of the Son.

The Catholic Church venerates the Shroud of Turin as a relic. Visits by Popes, including **St. John Paul the Great**, testify to its importance; as does the modern scientific field of **Sidonology**, which continues to study the shroud. However, in **1898** when Secondo Pia discovered that the photographic negative clearly revealed the details of crucifixion to the human eye. He saw royal dignity, resignation, and love on the Crucified Face of the Shroud.

In modern times, It is as if God the Father wished that science and technology would itself testify to the Saviour, his Son Jesus Christ. Once again, our Father reminds the whole world: Anyone who chooses the Son, thus bearing His sacred image, will receive the infinite treasures of paradise!

God said, "**Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ"** (2 Corinthians 4:6).

(Article by Rev. Lawrence Farley, pd)