There are in the world large numbers of enemies who lie in wait to make us fall, but they cannot hurt us when we give our lives to Jesus, and receive Him worthily in the Blessed Sacrament.

Many are spiritually blind. It is a great and wonderful work to uphold those who are falling. We must realize who is calling us to do this holy work.

We are sons and daughters, who are shown how we can repay Jesus by helping others to be saved. We must confess our faith in GOD by our deeds.

It would be wise to have the image of the most Holy Face of Jesus, enshrined in our homes and on the front door of our homes, so they may be protected by the evil that is arriving on this ungrateful humanity.

All should be true apostles of the Holy Face of Jesus and defend it everywhere.

Our Blessed Mother's mission and (our own) is to subdue, overcome, and defeat every form of evil. Our Blessed Mother has been sent from Heaven on various occasions, to encourage us and remind us about things we are in peril of forgetting. Above all She is the example that we too must say "YES" to GOD.

Gordon Deery HFA

Even though we stumble and become discouraged at times on account of our weaknesses and many trials we endure for the sake of Christ and his Bride (the Church) — we are called to a great hope. Remember the prophecy Jesus spoke to St Peter. "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat; but I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail. When you have turned again, strengthen your brethren" (Luke 22:31-32) The Holy Face of Jesus Christ is a sure reminder that there's hope beyond present failures. Let us rise up yet again, join the battle, and strengthen one another!

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THE HOLY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH BEATIFIES MOTHER MARIA PIERINA "BLESSED MARIA PIERINA DE MICHELI" May 30, 2010





May O Lord The Light of Thy Countenance Shine Upon Us

Blessed Mother Pierina
"What Matters Is To Love Jesus"

Stay with Us O Lord

On April 3, 2009 Pope Benedict XVI authorized the "beatification" of **Maria Pierina de Micheli**. She was officially beatified on Sunday, May 30, 2010 at St. John Lateran Cathedral.

The Roman Catholic Church, by calling Mother Maria Pierina de Micheli "**Blessed**" exalts the devotion to the Most Holy Face of Jesus; and supports the wearing of the Holy Face Blessed Sacrament medal.

If people bow their heads at the very mention of the holy name of Jesus Christ, how much greater is the reverence due to the Holy Face of Jesus – the true image of our Lord and God!

St. John says, "**He who has the Son has life**" (1 John 5:12). It is no small wonder that the Holy Roman Catholic Church places so great an emphasis on "**the Sacrament of Baptism**" (one of the three Sacraments of Initiation). The teaching that Christians are baptized into the death and resurrection of Christ, also recalls to our minds the passage from the Book of Genesis, "**Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness**" (Genesis 1:26).

The world has lost its sense of God through its pride, arrogance, and its lack of faith. However, the Holy Face devotion, in our time, invites us to rediscover, to embrace, and to proclaim boldly that, through Jesus Christ – human beings, made in the image and likeness of God, once again have their dignity restored. St. Paul reminds us, "You belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God" (1 Corinthians 3:23).

(Rev) Lawrence Farley, pd

THE PRESENT REALITY

This past week two documents appeared on my desk. The first was a quasi survey of religious thought in our area. It would seem that marriage and divorce are equally accepted. This is very disturbing in as much as marriage provides a shelter for the spreading of love amidst people. As a matter of fact the basis of religion is to spread love. The first school of love for all children is the family. Divorce is a direct attack on the family and this school of love. Thus the atmosphere of our society is opposed to love. There are many other factors that support this opposition. The practice of birth control destroys the love between married persons. In high schools boys are given condoms and girls are given the pill to wreak havoc on the love that should exist between these parties. No room is given to the importance of love in these relationships.

Added to all these factors are frequent invitations to join in celebrations of gay festivities. Thus parents are urged to send their sons and daughters to witness parades of sodomites in our big cities. This is not healthy morality to say the least. Added to this is the probability of more than one million abortions a year in the United States. When you take into consideration India, Africa and China, the worldwide murder of infants comes to 42 million a year.

Considering the plan of God, surely the loss of 42 million persons to develop this universe is a serious blow to the designs of the Almighty. All these elements ignore totally the lessons of the school of love to which we have referred. The firmest voice speaking for love can be found in the following lines by Joseph Mary Plunkett:

I see His blood upon the rose And in the stars the glory of His eyes, His body gleams amid eternal snows, His tears fall from the skies.

The thunder and the singing of the birds Are but His voice – and carven by His power Rocks are His written words

All pathways by His feet are worn, His strong heart stirs the ever-beating sea, His crown of thorns is twined with every thorn, His cross is every tree,

In the school of love there is really only one lesson and it applies to each one of us. Christ died for you and for me and for every one of us.

As Mr. Plunkett has clearly delineated, the facial characteristics of Jesus indicate the passion that Christ has for each of us. There must be no reservations in our response to his love. We must be total in our reply. There can be no wavering in our response to his devotion; He loves every one of us totally and completely. We must match his love in totality and completeness. We are talking about having a picture of Jesus. We do have a picture and when we come to this realization we must be willing to sacrifice everything for love of Christ. On the Holy Shroud of Turin we have the banner that would lead us to spread God's love for all mankind. This presentation of Jesus, bedraggled and beaten as seen on the Shroud of Turin must be our guiding symbol of hope for our love of Christ.

Father Russell Schultz, S.T.D.

THE SOUL COMES BEFORE THE BODY

I was and still am in the habit of wearing the Holy Face Blessed Sacrament medal, the miraculous medal, and the brown scapular of Mount Carmel. However one day our Lord and Blessed Mother made me realize that even though I wore these Sacramental it was all hidden, by my shirt. Others could not see where my true treasure was. I was shown that I



should have an outward sign for people to see. I had a very nice Holy Face Cross made to place on the lapel of my suit coat. What a major change transpired. I was a salesman and met many people. Now when I went to see prospects, the conversation would turn to Jesus due to the Holy Face Cross. I was able to help many to know of this devotion to the Holy Face, for our days. The true divine remedy as our Blessed Mother said for these days of lust and hatred for GOD and His Church. This is the remedy given us to overcome devilish snares which rob the hearts of men of their faith. This is the antidote needed to help us overcome all our exterior and interior difficulties and die under the divine gaze of GOD.

I rarely went to parties. One day I had to go to a party out of respect for one of my customers. When at the party an executive from a large corporation followed by others came to me and he said pointing to the Holy Face Cross "Why are you wearing that"? Looking straight into his eyes I replied "because I was lost and now have been found; I was dead, and now I am alive." The man looked down to the ground and without any comment, he and his followers left.

One day a lady called and said "I never take my Holy Face medal off. When I go to a party, people notice my medal and I am able to help many to come to the Holy Face devotion. I have witnessed miracles, and received graces, blessings and inspirations from the adorable Holy Face of Jesus.

Saint Anthony of Padua said. "Actions speak louder than words let your words teach and your actions speak. We are fond of words but empty of actions, and therefore are cursed by the Lord. Since He himself cursed the fig tree when He found no fruit but only leaves."

There are two coinages, one of GOD, and the other of the world each with its own image. Unbelievers bear the image of the world and those who have faith with love bare the image of GOD the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.