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Warning About the anti-Christ

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Blessing to All:

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The Changing Church is Unfolding Before Our Eyes.

Here is a question for you. *Do you believe in an entity called Satan?* If you would have asked me if Catholics believe there is a real Satan, I would say YES 100%. But apparently, I would have been wrong!

What do Polls of Catholics Show?

The research, conducted by polling firm RealClear in partnership with EWTN News, surveyed more than 1,500 Catholics in the U.S. from January 28 through February 4, 2020. The poll gathered information on the religious beliefs of Catholics, their political party affiliation, and their frequency of prayer and Mass attendance. The survey found that thirty-five percent (**35%**) attend Mass at least once a **week**—less than one percent attend Mass daily. These surveyed Catholics then replied to the question about actions that are "intrinsically evil". This was a small sampling of Catholics, so the numbers surveyed may not reflect the greater Catholic Faith.

	Intrinsically	Not Intrinsically
	Evil	Evil
Abortion	47%	53%
Euthanasia	45%	55%
Physician Assisted Suicide	41%	59%
Is Satan Real or a Symbol	78% Real	22% Symbol



Another poll conducted by Gallup beginning in 1955 and each 10- years thereafter, has reported a steady decline in the percentage of Catholics who report attending Mass regularly. From a high of 75 percent in 1955, the figure tailed to 46 percent in 1983-86, and reached an all-time low of 39 percent in 2014-17.

The disappearance of younger Catholics from Sunday assemblies continues to

show up in Gallup's survey. Only 19 percent of Catholics ages 21-29 attend Mass once a week or "almost every week," versus 44 percent who say they "seldom" attend and 11 percent who "never" attend.

The poll reveals a divide in Catholic acceptance of particular Church teachings. It also reveals that Catholics who do not attend Mass regularly are moving away from their Faith and what is and what is not 'evil'.

Interestingly, the vast majority of Catholics, 81%, believe in the existence of Hell. That number should be 100%. If 14 million Catholics (19% who do not believe in Hell) are married and have children, then you can expect in 10 years, that number will be much higher. This is a problem with our Faith.

What is going on with us Catholics? Have we become so ego centric that we have lost the reality of sin and faith in the teachings of our Church? Is God less important in our lives? Or is the Church doing a bad job of evangelization?



Whatever the reason, Mankind is losing the fear of punishment from sin. TV, Movies, and Political leaders are not concerned about the value of the soul. *It is about making a profit and marginalizing the things of God and all about the things of Caesar.*

The anti-Christ followers versus Christ followers are in the battle for souls. It's time to open your eyes.

Be a warrior for souls. Lead by your example.

BE NOT AFRAID

The Call For the Gathering of Souls For Battle

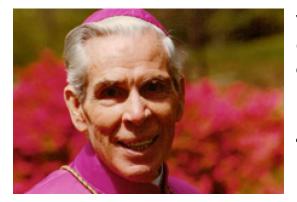
The greatest Evil today is the Battle for Life.

The Baby's Life or My Body-My Choice



A growing number of people polled, believe that *Satan is a symbol for evil* and not a real entity. It follows then, if Satan does not exist and is only a symbol, then bad can become good; and there is **no sin**... Man becomes the ruler of good and evil and god like in their actions, including condemning to *death the life of the innocent in the womb around the world*. Man becomes God. Politicians make themselves the author of life. Who lives and who dies can be legislated! This is the lie that more people are accepting as truth. *People will either fear God or take the path of evil. If your political party believes in Abortion, then your vote for them, will be used to kill more babies in the womb. Think about that when you vote. Your eternal soul is the object of Satan's plan. You are in the crosshairs of losing your soul, forever.*

Bishop Fulton J. Sheen had something to say about this major Apostasy in a Radio Broadcast about sin and Satan years ago.



"From now on the struggle will be... for the souls of men," he warned. **People would begin dividing into two religions as absolutes** — "**the God Who became man and the man who makes himself God; brothers in Christ and comrades in anti-Christ.**" "This masquerade has helped the devil convince men that he does not exist. The devil "knows that he is never so strong as when men believe that he does not exist. When no man recognizes, the more power he exercises."

But Sheen knew the devil is not a symbol. "Rather he is described as an angel fallen from heaven, and as ""the Prince of this world' whose business it is to tell us that there is no other world." Satan's logic is simple *If there is no heaven there is no hell; if there is no hell, then there is no sin; if there is no sin, then there is no judge, and if there is no judgement then evil is good and good is evil."*



There will be an anti-Christ, a real live person who will deceive many. Bishop Sheen reminds us that Our Lord told us that this devil, the anti-Christ, "will be so much like Himself, that he would deceive even the elect."

St. Paul wasn't fooled either. He warned the Corinthians about those false ones infiltrating their numbers that (Corr: 2, 11:14) "even Satan masquerades as an angel of light."

If you believe in the entity called Satan, then how might the anti-Christ look and get followers to his anti-religion?

Bishop Sheen laid this out in a radio broadcast back in 1947

"He will come disguised as the Great Humanitarian; he will talk peace, prosperity and plenty not as means to lead us to God, but as ends in themselves."



"He will write books on the new idea of God to suit the way people live; induce faith in astrology so as to make not the will but the stars responsible for sins; he will explain guilt away psychologically as inhibited eroticism, **make men shrink in**

shame if their fellowmen say they are not broadminded and liberal; he will be so broadminded as to identify tolerance with indifference to right and **wrong, truth and error;** he will spread the lie that men will never be better until they make society better and thus have selfishness to provide fuel for the next revolution; he will foster science but only to have armament makers use one marvel of science to destroy another; he will foster more divorces under the disguise that another partner is 'vital'; he will increase love for love and decrease love for person; he will invoke religion to destroy religion; he will even speak of Christ and say that he was the greatest man who ever lived; his mission he will say will be to liberate men from the servitudes of superstition and Fascism, which he will never define."

Much sounds familiar today, doesn't it? That word "tolerance" blankets society.



The Counter-Church

Bishop Sheen saw the anti-Christ setting up a counter-Church. It will have all the notes and characteristics of the Church, but in reverse and emptied of its divine content. It will be a mystical body of the anti-Christ that will in all

externals resemble the mystical body of Christ."

A church based upon earthly things and pleasures, leaving God and the importance of family thorn apart. The killing of infants in the womb would be desired as 'good'. **Are we there already? The blood of infants are crying out to the Lord.**

Sheen continues..."But in the new era, what the modern lost soul will take particularly about the counter-Church, is that it breaks down all national boundaries, laughs down patriotism, dispenses men from piety, **makes men proud that they are <u>not Americans, French, or British</u>,** *but members of a* **<u>revolutionary class</u> under the rule of its Vicar which is the anti-Christ."**

Just as St. John tells us, "Children, it is the last hour; and just as you heard that the antichrist was coming, so now many antichrists have appeared" (1 John 2:18), "and every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus does not belong to God. This is the spirit of the antichrist (1 John 4:3).

Trials and Unwavering Hope



As we've seen, the good Bishop advised us to keep in the state of grace. Get faith if you had none and pray because the "<u>most important problem in the</u> <u>world today is your soul, for that is what the</u> <u>struggle is about. And beseeching St. Michael</u> <u>and Our Lady for help."</u> Bishop Sheen ends on this note...Because "the time is nearer than you think."

BE THE SPIRITUAL WARRIOR GOD IS CALLING YOU TO BE. PRAY THE ROSARY.

Sister Lucy of Fatima Speaks of the anti-Christ



¹Sister Lucy, the third Fatima visionary, died in 2005 as a Carmelite nun. In a 1957 interview with Fr. Augustine Fuentes, who at that time was the postulator for the cause of canonization of the other two Fatima visionaries, Jacinta and Francisco, Sister Lucy said this to him:

¹ https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/fatima-visionary-predicted-final-battle-would-be-over-marriage-family-17760



"Father, the Most Holy Virgin did not *tell me* that we are in the last times of the world, *but* She made me *understand this* for [the following] reasons. The first reason is because She told me that the devil is in the mood for engaging in a decisive battle against the Virgin.

And a decisive battle is the final battle where one side will be victorious, and the other side will suffer defeat. <u>Hence from now on we must choose sides.</u> Either we are for God or we are for the devil. There is no other possibility. The second reason is because She said to my cousins as well as to myself that God is giving two last remedies to the world. **These are the Holy Rosary and Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.**"



We should also consider these words spoken by a Polish bishop at a meeting of bishops in Philadelphia in early November. 1978: "We are now standing in the face of the greatest historical confrontation humanity has gone through. I do not think that wide circles of the American society or wide circles of the Christian community realize this fully. **We are**

now facing the final confrontation between the church and the antichurch, of the Gospel versus the anti-gospel." That Polish bishop was none other than Carol Wojtyla, who was later elected Pope and took the name John Paul II, and who is now St. John Paul II. Choose God's side. Pray, Pray, Pray.

Stories of Dads - Real-Life Heroes

By: Charlotte Andersen

He showed me how a man should treat a woman



"My dad is the definition of a hero—both as a veteran of the Air Force, where he worked to save lives every day, and as an example to me. When I was a little girl, my dad made it a part of our Saturday routine to share a banana split at our neighborhood Baskin Robbins. It wasn't just about getting ice cream though. He would get me dressed up, pull my chair out for me, and basically show me how a gentleman should treat a lady.

These daddy-daughter dates were the highlight of my weekends. I didn't realize it then, but he was instilling in me a sense of self-worth and love that has stayed with me my whole life. My dad is the standard that I hold all other men to!" — **Vanessa Parker**, founder of Pink Boss, Warner Robins, GA.

My dad made me finish high school because he didn't



"By the time I was a senior in high school I was basically over it. I'd been 'homeschooling' but really, I just wasn't doing anything and didn't care if I graduated or not. But then I moved in with my dad and he decided I was going to get my degree and that was it. It was only seven months until graduation and I had nothing done, but he knew that I would need that diploma to be successful, and he wouldn't let me fail. He signed me up for Utah

Connections Academy, an online school, and pushed me to do it. He woke me up every morning and set a schedule where I did nothing but school for six hours a day, seven days a week. He checked all my homework and monitored my grades. He was pretty annoying, honestly, but I knew it was for the best. And hey, it worked. I got it all done and graduated with my class this month. I know he's so proud of me and I'm proud of me too. Now I am applying to culinary schools to follow my dream of being a chef, and I know with the 'get it done' attitude I learned from him, I can do anything." —*Chase Cubelo, Moab, UT*

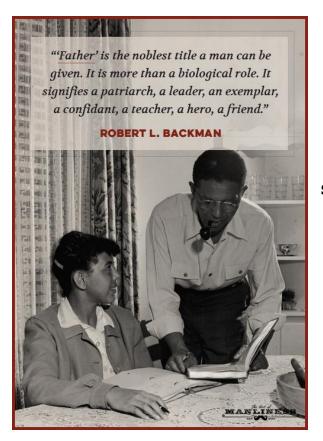
My dad was my invisible guardian angel

"My parents divorced when I was just four years old, and from that point on I



rarely saw my dad. Both my parents remarried other people and I grew up thinking that he didn't care much about me—that is until I got married. It was then that my stepmother said my mom had warned him to stay away from us kids, blocking him from seeing us. But he loved us so much that every morning he would drive and park across from a crosswalk near our elementary school. It was a very busy road and he never went to work until he made sure we all made it safely across and

into school. He did this every day until we all finished grade school. None of us kids ever saw him at the time, but after my stepmom shared the story with us, I was so touched. My dad was far from perfect, but I love that he watched over me and was with me, even when I didn't know he was there." —*Ann Hetzel, Milwaukee, WI.*



To all the Dad's out there. What you say and what your children see you do, will greatly influence them.

Father's do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. (Eph 6:4)

From the Mouths Of Children

Realizing that their home just wasn't big enough with the new baby in the house, Little Johnny's parents discussed moving to a bigger one. Little Johnny sat patiently listening to his parents, then piped in, "It's no use. He'll just follow us anyway."

When my grandson, Billy, and I entered our vacation cabin, we kept the lights off until we were inside to keep from attracting pesky insects. Still, a few fireflies followed us in. Noticing them before I did, Billy whispered, "It's no use, Grandpa. The mosquitoes are coming after us with flashlights."

Ask a Kid to Finish a Prover and You Get This

If You Lie Down With The Dogs, You'll... Smell funny in the morning.

Strike while theBug is close

Never underestimate the power of......Termites

Don't bite the hand that..... looks dirty

Bible Question to Kids

When was medicine first mentioned in the Bible? When God gave Moses two tablets.



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I am watching over you. Pray my children, Pray, Pray, Pray My Rosary For The Salvation of Sinners





"A humble soul does not trust itself, but places all its confidence in God."

St. Faustina