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Dear Friends of Salt and Light,

We are about to enter a momentous year of celebrations: our tenth anniversary as Canada's Catholic Television Network; the Year of Faith for the Universal Church; the 50th Anniversary of the Second Vatican Council; the twentieth anniversary of the publication of the Catechism of the Catholic Church; the World Synod of Bishops dedicated to the New Evangelization during the month of October, 2012; and the canonization of seven new saints on Mission Sunday (October 21, 2012).

Tenth Anniversary

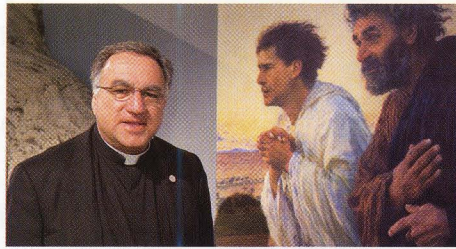
Salt and Light Catholic Media Foundation was born on the wings of World Youth Day 2002 ten years ago. It is by no accident that we chose as the name and mission of our Catholic Television "Salt and Light" - one of Jesus' most graphic and vivid teachings on a Galilean hillside. The "Salt + Light" theme, drawn from Matthew's Gospel [5:13-14], lit our country on fire through World Youth Day 2002 a decade ago. To follow the Lord Jesus, to be salt and light for the world, to bring the world the flavor of the Gospel and the light of Christ, is as real as it gets!

Plenary meeting of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

For the second year in a row, we will be broadcasting live the general sessions of the annual Plenary Meeting of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops from Sainte-Adèle, Quebec from September 24-28, 2012. We give thanks to God for the great collaboration that exists between us and for the privilege of being at the service of the shepherds and leaders of the Church in Canada. Our very positive experiences at the plenary meetings each year have proven to be a fruitful time of networking, sharing, and mutual encouragement.

Year of Faith

The Year of Faith, called by Pope Benedict XVI, begins on October 11, 2012 - the exact date that marks the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council. The Second Vatican Council met at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome for four sessions from 1962 - 1965. The Year of Faith will end on November 24, 2013, the Solemnity of Christ the King. This special year will help each of us to understand once again how the Second Vatican Council sought to make the Church's ancient teachings understandable and meaningful in a world which is constantly changing at a rapid pace.



The New Evangelization

Blessed John Paul II first used the term "New Evangelization" to describe a second moment in the evangelizing mission of the Church and the need to repropose the Good News of Christ's love to those who do not know their faith well, or whose lives have not been changed by knowing Jesus or, in some cases, who have even moved away from the Church. It is ultimately our task to use new methods and new expressions and with a new enthusiasm, to retell the ancient story of who Jesus is, what he accomplished for us through His Church and sacraments, He is still present with us today. This is the mission of Salt and Light Catholic Media Foundation and our multi-platformed approach to telling the good news.

The Synod of Bishops

Every four years, the Pope calls a world Synod of Bishops on a particular theme. This year's theme of the "New Evangelization" is highly appropriate for our time and our work at Salt + Light. The Vatican has appointed me the English language Media Attaché for the upcoming Synod. This means that I will be present for all the Synodal proceedings at the Vatican during the month of October. I am also thrilled to share with you that our network will play a very important role on the inside of the Synod, preparing daily news reports, sharing them with the world, and producing for the Vatican two documentaries on the history of Synods of Bishops following the Second Vatican Council.

The New Saints

For the past decade, Salt + Light has made a priority to tell the stories of the new saints and blessed. On October 21, 2012, the Church welcomes seven new saints, including three close to us: Sts. Kateri Tekakwitha, the Lily of the Mohawks; Sr. Marianne Cope, Mother of Molokai's lepers; and Pedro Calungsod, the young catechist from the Philippines. Several years before his election to the papacy, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger told an interviewer, "The only really effective case for Christianity comes down to two arguments, namely, the

saints the church has produced and the art which has grown in her womb." As Catholics we have the blessed privilege of seeking the beauty of holiness and the holiness of beauty. The lives of the saints and blessed are truly salt and light for the world. They are a great consolation and source of hope and beauty, no matter how difficult are the times in which we are living.

An Enduring Image

It will be an extraordinary privilege for Salt + Light to really be at the heart of these great celebrations of the universal Church this fall. Not only will we be carrying the events live on our network, we will literally be in the midst of the events at the Vatican. Please count on our daily prayers for each of you, especially during the month of October. It will be a blessing for us to relive the great moments of the Second Vatican Council in the very places where those momentous events took place 50 years ago. I cannot help but recall the moving words of Cardinal James Francis Stafford, then President of the Pontifical Council for the Laity, as he presided over the opening ceremonies of World Youth Day of the Jubilee Year in St. Peter's Square on August 15, 2000. Cardinal Stafford's stirring words addressed to Blessed John Paul II still resound in my mind and heart today:

"Holy Father, as you walked in the 1960's to the Council's sessions to express again the mystery of the always youthful Church, you experienced the embrace of these great colonnades many times. Today we all pray that your happiness may be full. For these youthful multitudes, now embraced by the arms of St. Peter also, are living witnesses to the Council's hope and to yours."

It is precisely from these youthful multitudes and this creative nexus of energy and hope that Salt + Light was born, ten years ago. It is on this solid foundation that we are built, and poised to launch out into the deep, with renewed enthusiasm and boundless hope on our work of evangelization and education.

Thank you for your continued friendship, encouragement, generosity and support. We cannot do all of this without you! Be assured of my prayers of deep gratitude for all the ways you help us to share the flavor of the gospel and the light of Christ with the world, through the Salt and Light Catholic Media Foundation. Let the great celebrations begin!

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Thomas Rosica, CSB

A Prayer for Jerusalem and Rome

Lord Our God, we Praise you and we bless you for Jerusalem,
Because you have given this city to us
As the symbol of the story of God and the story of humanity;
The sign of your love for us and of your forgiveness for our sins;
The symbol of our earthly pilgrimage toward you,
A pilgrimage that involves so many difficulties and so many conflicts.

We pray for Jerusalem and for all of our Jewish brothers and sisters.
We give you thanks, Lord, because you have called us to serve Christ
And to carry his cross today in the Church,
The Church that has its center in Rome;
Since you have called us to be one with your Son,
You teach us to give a name to our oneness with him,
In the words of Ignatius of Loyola,
The true bride of Christ our Lord, who is our Holy Mother Church
We thank you for the Church and for Rome
That is the image of unity and the pilgrimage toward this unity,
And for the trials that we must undergo to achieve this unity.

We ask you that we may be faithful to Jerusalem and to Rome,
To your Son and to the Church, in this common journey of humanity
Toward the heart of the Trinity,
Toward the contemplation of your face
Of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Cardinal Carlo Maria Martini, SJ (1927-2012)

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ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA FIRST NATIONS SAINT CELEBRATED BY THE JESUITS IN ENGLISH CANADA.

Statue at Martyrs' Shrine, Midland, ON



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Canadian Saints: Reflections of God's Holiness and the Canonical Process

By Claude Auger

ON OCTOBER 21ST, 2012, a young Native American woman named Kateri Tekakwitha will be canonized, becoming the twelfth Canadian to be declared a saint. Thirteen other Canadians have been beatified, and currently, the causes of 16 people have been formally introduced and are at different stages in this process. Furthermore, the causes of six Canadian-born individuals have been opened in other countries: USA, Dominican Republic, France, Bangladesh, and China. In 2011, the Canadian liturgical calendar was extended with the celebration of these saints and blessed into all the dioceses across Canada.

Of course, there are many holy people who live their vocation in silence and will never be officially recognized. The Catholic Church does its best, however, to acknowledge as many holy souls and to use them as examples by proposing sainthood and blessed status. The holiness of these baptized individuals not only reflects the very holiness of God, but also encourages us to be inspired by their lives and to request their intercession before the Lord. To maintain the integrity of this process, people are recognized as saints and blessed after a strict canonical process.

A well-structured canonical procedure

The process leading to canonization has undergone several changes over time. In the first centuries, saints were spontaneously proclaimed by members of a particular Christian community. Gradually, the approval of this recognition fell under the responsibility of the bishops; just before the first millennium, this task was reserved for the Pope. Since the most recent revisions (norms of 1983 and 2007), this procedure has been simplified, by giving renewed importance to the role of the diocesan bishop.

The First Phase: Proclamation of the "Servant of God"

Any Catholic individual or group may apply to the bishop (usually that of the diocese where the candidate died) to introduce a cause of beatification and

canonization. Upon adequate due diligence the bishop may proclaim the applicant as a "Servant of God" and direct the file to the next phase.

The Second Phase: Proclamation of the "Servant of God" as "Venerable"

After the individual has been named "Servant of God", a canonical diocesan investigation is opened. Three teams perform three crucial tasks: interviewing witnesses of the candidate's life and reputation for holiness (diocesan tribunal); reviewing the published writings (theological commission); investigating the unpublished writings, as well as any other documents relating to the life and work of the Servant of God (historical commission). After the initial diocesan investigation, the process moves to the Vatican and the acts of the diocesan inquiry are received and reviewed. This forms the basic material for the writing of the *Positio*: the official document presenting the life, virtues and reputation of holiness of the Servant of God. After reviewing this document, the Congregation for the Causes of Saints must decide and affirm that the candidate has practiced, to an exceptional degree, the theological virtues (faith, hope and charity) and the cardinal ones (prudence, justice, fortitude and temperance). If the candidate has practiced these virtues, the Church declares the person venerable; in Canada, eight people carry this title.

The Third Phase: Proclamation of the "Venerable" as "Blessed"

Beatification moves a step beyond the initial process: a miracle (usually a healing), an event that remains scientifically inexplicable, must be obtained through the intercession of the candidate. Once this event is recognized formally as a miracle, the beatification takes place, and the candidate is declared a blessed.

The Fourth Phase: Proclamation of the "Blessed" as a "Saint"

The final stage, that of canonization, requires a second miracle. At this stage, a blessed is proposed for the veneration of a

portion of God's people: the dioceses where he lived or his religious institute. After canonization, the candidate is declared a saint and is recognized as a model for the Universal Church.

The most recent Canadian case: Eugène Prévost

Recently, on July 4, 2012, in the Cathedral of Trois-Rivières, Quebec, Bishop Luc Bouchard presided a Mass celebrating the introduction of the cause of beatification and canonization of Father Eugène Prévost (1860-1946). In the afternoon, people involved in different aspects of the cause (bishop, postulator, ecclesiastical tribunal, theological commission, historical commission) carried out the usual canonical formalities. The day marked both the culmination of over 60 years of work, as well as the beginning of the canonical diocesan inquiry.

Born in Saint-Jérôme, Quebec, Eugène Prévost studied in the Montreal area before embarking for Brussels, where he became the first Canadian novice of the Fathers of the Blessed Sacrament. He had a fruitful apostolate as director of the association of Priests Adorers. With the support of Pope Leo XIII, he left his community and became the founder of two new congregations, the Sacerdotal Fraternity, and the Sisters Oblates of Bethany. His goal was to help the clergy, especially those experiencing difficulties of any kind, while glorifying "Jesus the Priest", source of all priesthood. Members of the Fraternity and the Oblates in Canada, France, and Colombia continue to offer their lives for priests by their discreet service and daily Eucharistic adoration.



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