

“Who would not want to run to glory? Greatness is pleasing to everyone; but humility is the stair ... start climbing the first step, and you're already higher!”

(St. Augustine, Discourses)

“Let us do what he commands so that we may not blush to covet what he promises and to hear him say on the day of judgement: ‘I laid down certain conditions for obtaining my promises. Have you fulfilled them?’”

(St. Augustine, Off. of Read. Sun. Wk. IV. Lent)

“Among us, one can listen to and learn from one who doesn’t even know the letters of the alphabet, ignorant and barbarous in language, but wise and faithful in mind... from which one can understand that this comes not through human wisdom, but through the power of God.”

(St. Justin. Apologia Prima. LX. 8)

“We are promised contemplation, the end of all actions, and eternal perfection of enjoyment.”

(St. Augustine)

“If it happened sometimes that a brother let slip a word capable of wounding, the remorse of his conscience would not let him have peace until he confessed his fault, humbly throwing himself to the ground and begging the offended one to put his foot on his mouth.”

(F.O.S. 1449 in It.)

“They were all walking together joyfully, speaking among themselves the words of the Lord, saying nothing that would not serve the praise and glory of God.”

(F.O.S. 1455 in It.)

“Francis, the preacher of the Gospel... was explaining with a little what was inexpressible, and, uniting this with movements and gestures of fire, was bringing all to the heavenly heights.”

(F.O.S. 694 in It.)

“Obedient as you have always been...work out your salvation with fear and trembling.”

(Philippians 2:12)

“A child who is a priest is the greatest gift God can give to a family.”

(St. John Bosco)

To those who do not want to confess with a Catholic priest, St. Francis of Assisi says:

“Know for certain that it is a temptation from the devil.”

(F.F. 615)

“We praise the Lord when we gather in the Church.”

(St. Augustine, off. of Read. Sat. Wk.V Easter)

“He who divides and angers the Church of Christ cannot possess the garment of Christ.”

(St. Cyprian, Bishop)

“Those who walk uprightly fear the Lord, but those who are devious in their ways spurn him.”

(*Pro 14:2*)

“The beginning of wisdom is, get wisdom; whatever else you get, get understanding.”

(*Pro 4:7*)

“Familiarity with the Lord, when it is genuine, necessarily leads us to think, choose, and act as Christ thought, chose, and acted, putting ourselves at his disposal in order to continue his saving work.”

(*Pope St. John Paul II, Mess. XIII WYD, 8*)

“It is just and right that the creature imitates his Creator.”

(*Pope St. Leo the Great, Off.of Read. Mon.Wk. XXXIV O.T.*)

“True devotion is embodied in imitation.”

(*St. Pio of Pietrelcina*)

“We shall not be able to render better return on that love than by modeling our lives on his.”

(*St. Augustine, Off. of Readings. August 10*)

“The Lord made Himself the model, teaching that no one reaches His Kingdom except the one who has followed in His way.”

(*St. Cyprian, Bishop Off. of Read. Com. sev. Martyrs*)

“Make us imitators of God.”

(*Eph. 5:1*)

“Christ...calls the true believer the ‘least of His brethren,’ that is, another self. In fact, Christ is formed in him...who clings to Him with true love;...[the one who] becomes a copy of Christ...becomes Christ Himself.”

(*St. Augustine, Off. of Read. Thurs. Wk. V O.T.*)

“When you were feeble, you were carried by your neighbor; now that you are healed, you must carry your neighbor.”

(*St. Augustine Bishop, in 10 EV TR 17, 8*)

“The greater the toil
[in doing the Will of God],
the richer the reward will be.”

(*St. Ignatius of Antioch, Off. of Read. Fri. Wk. XVII O.T.*)

*"The just will reign forever with Christ,
glorified in body and soul."*

(CCC 1042)

**"Your dead shall live, their
corpses shall rise!"**

(Is 26:19)

**"I need humility to defeat the
prince of this world."**

(St. Ignatius of Antioch, Off. of Read. Tues. Wk. XXVII O.T.)

““So the just will shine like the Sun in the
kingdom of their Father.’ (cf. Mt 13: 43).
The Savior will transfigure our miserable body
to conform it to His glorious body only if he
first finds our heart renewed and conformed in
humility to His.”

(St. Bernard, Off. of Read. Advent)

**"We must honor and venerate...
those who administer the Most
Holy Divine Words."**

(St. Francis of Assisi, Testament)

“The Lord gave me and gives me such
great faith in the priests who live according
to the form of the holy Roman Church
because of their Orders, that even if they
were to persecute me, I would want to have
recourse precisely to them.”

(St. Francis of Assisi, Testament)

“Francis, --God said to him in spirit—now leave the
worldly and vain pleasures for those which are
spiritual, prefer the bitter things to the sweet and
despise yourself if you want to know me... You
will see [that] what I tell you [is true], even if the
order is upside down.”

(F.O.S. 591 in It.)

**"Pure holy simplicity confuses all
wisdom of this world."**

(F.O.S. 258 in It.)

The Lord says:

**"If you remain in me
and my words remain in you,
ASK for whatever you want
AND IT WILL BE DONE FOR YOU!"**

(Jn. 15:7)

**"The saints are authentic interpreters
of Sacred Scripture..."**

***This Scripture...which discloses itself
only when its words are lived and
suffered to the very end!..."***

(Pope Benedetto XVI, Jesus of Nazareth, LEV, pg. 102)

**"Brief the pleasure, eternal the
damnation!"**

(St. Francis of Assisi)

**"Brief the toil, eternal the
reward."**

(St. Clare of Assisi)

**"Flee from sin, O disciples: it will bring
you to terror!..."**
(cf. Rm 12, 9)
**Instead, love virtue: it will bring you to
glory!"**
(cf. 2Tim 2, 12)
Try - and believe!
(Fr. V.V.)

**"See your children reunited by
the Word."**
(Bar 5:5)

**"The Lord will guard you from all evil;
he will guard your soul. The Lord will
guard your coming and going both now
and forever."**
(cf. Ps. 121: 7-8)
Amen!

It's written:
**"The Fear of the Lord surpasses all else. To
whom can we compare the one who has it?"**
(Sir 25:11)

**"In a certain way, holiness is this:
To admit with sweetness
one's own imperfections."**
(cf. St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus)

**"No foul language should come out of your
mouths, but only such as is good for
edification, that it may impart grace to those
who hear. And do not grieve the holy Spirit of
God, with which you were sealed for the day
of redemption."**
(Eph. 4:29-30)

**"Preaching is effective, it has its
own eloquence when the deeds speak..
One law is imposed on the preacher:
to practice what he preaches!"**
(St. Anthony of Padua, Off. of Readings - July 13)

**"If one only listens and doesn't put the Word of God
into practice, he is like a man who looks at his face in
the mirror: as soon as he has seen himself, he goes
away, and immediately forgets what he looks like."**
(Cf. Jam. 1:23-24)

"Perfect Trinity, simple union."
(cf. St. Francis of Assisi)

**"Let your perfume always be that of
prayer, a scent good in itself and in the
good works that accompany it."**
(St. Cyril of Jerusalem, XII Catechesi Battesimale, 34)

**"We ought to flee from here toward
the place above, where peace reigns:
the rest from our toil, where we will
celebrate the great Sabbath!"**
(St. Ambrose Bishop, Off. of Read. Sat. Wk. II, Lent)

**"Come, you who are blessed by my Father,
inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the
foundation of the world; for I was hungry and
you gave me food..."**
(Mt 25:34-40)