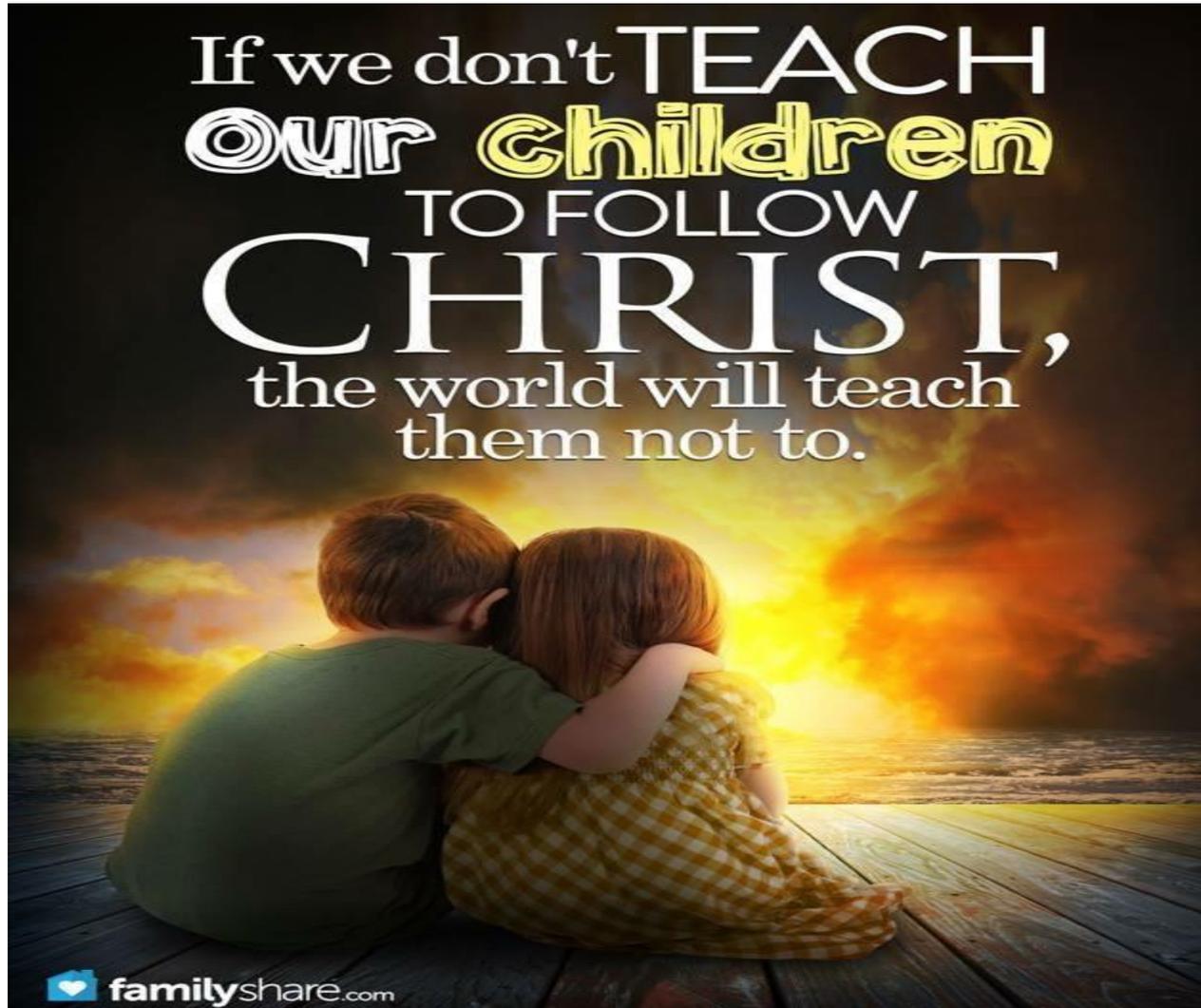


Does it matter if I become a saint?

**In a word,
YES.**

Here are three reasons to
consider....

For our those closest to us...

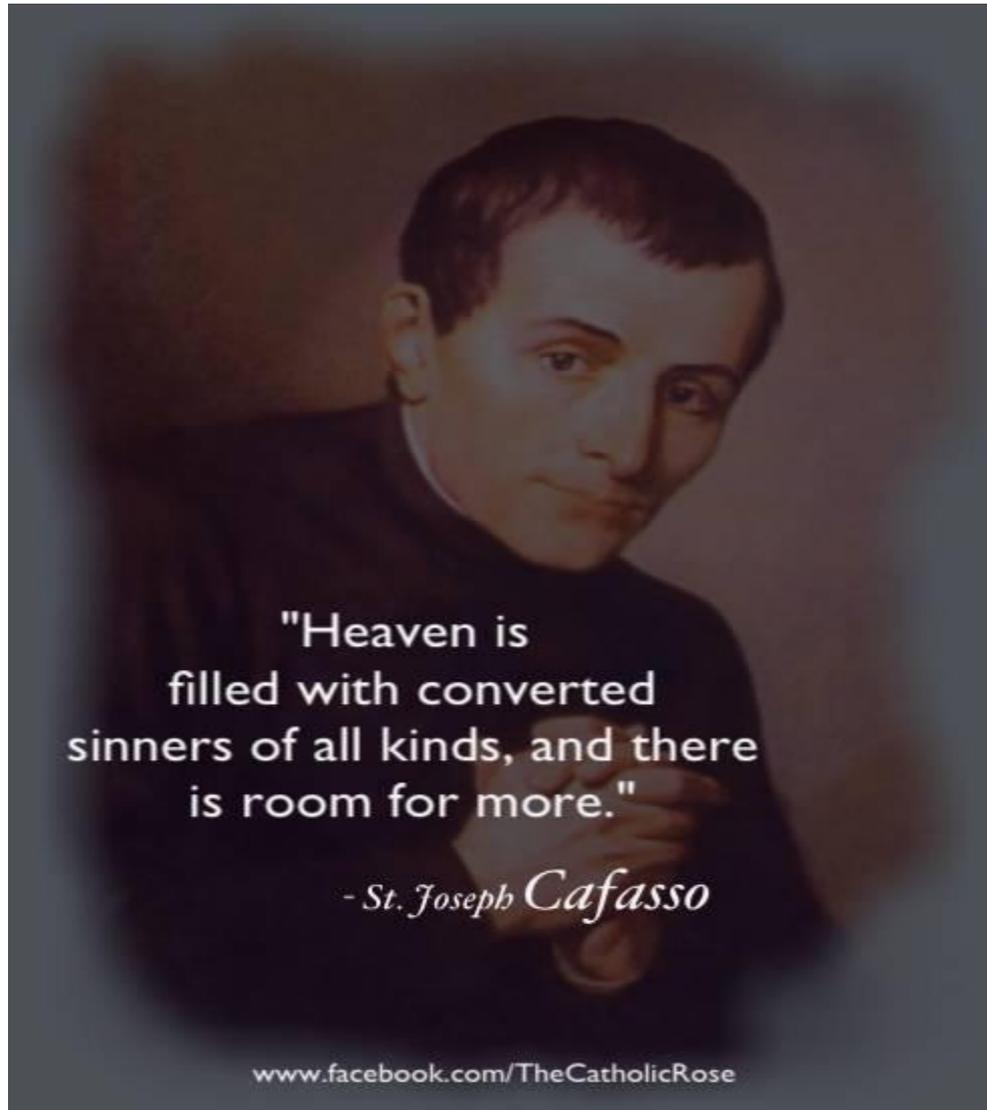


For the Church...



“THE SOULS IN HEAVEN ASSIST US WITH THEIR PRAYERS, WHILE WE ASSIST THE SOULS IN PURGATORY THROUGH OUR GOOD WORKS, PRAYER AND PARTICIPATION IN THE EUCHARIST.”
-POPE FRANCIS

For our own Happiness and God's...



"Heaven is
filled with converted
sinners of all kinds, and there
is room for more."

- *St. Joseph Cafasso*

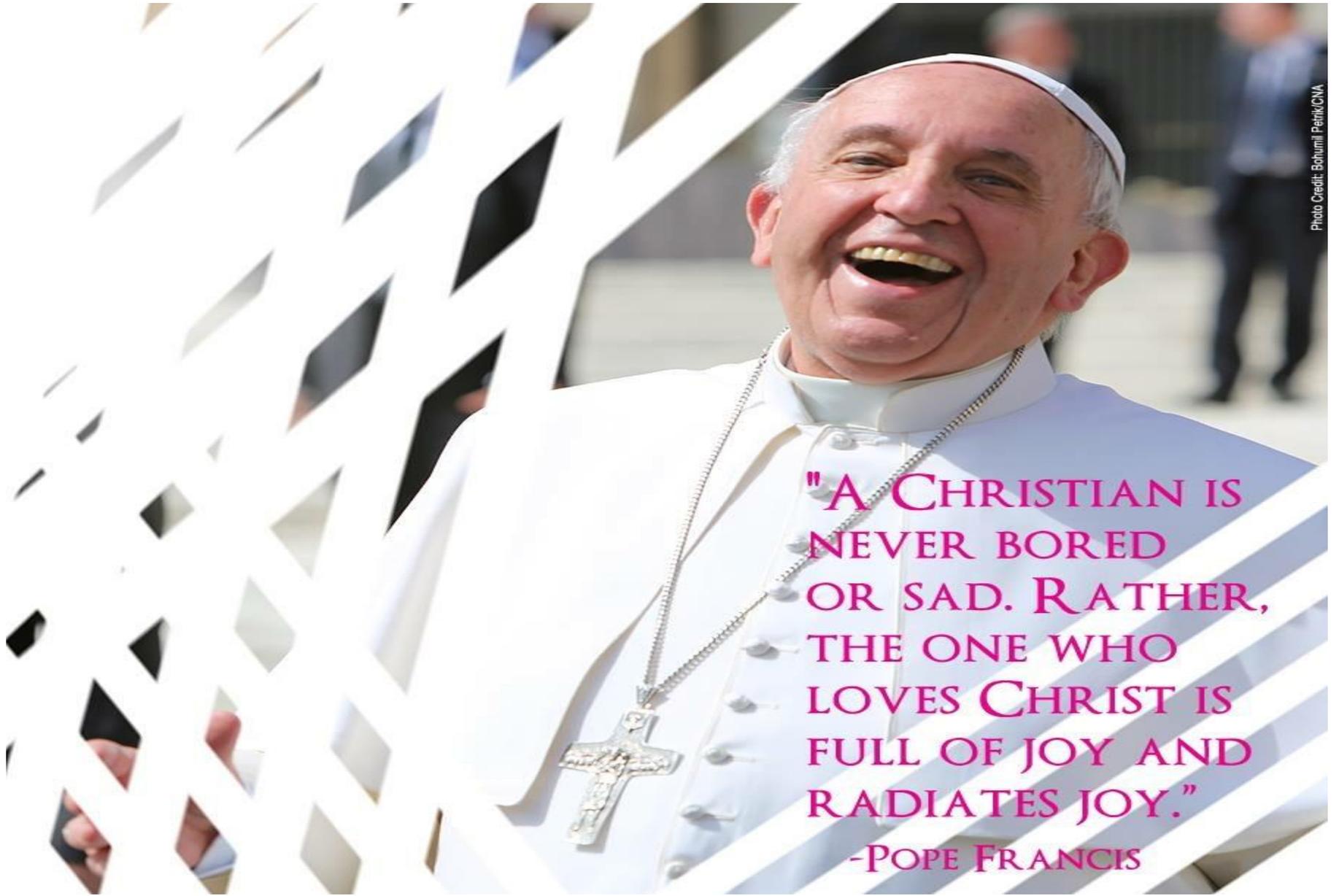


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"A CHRISTIAN IS NEVER BORED OR SAD. RATHER, THE ONE WHO LOVES CHRIST IS FULL OF JOY AND RADIATES JOY."

-POPE FRANCIS

The Joy of the Gospel

We must “...help believers to grow spiritually so that they can respond to God’s love ever more fully in their lives...” and reach out to “...the baptized whose lives do not reflect the demands of Baptism, who lack a meaningful relationship to the Church and no longer experience the consolation born of faith.” (EG, 15)

“I dream of a ‘missionary option,’ that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church’s customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channeled for the evangelization of today’s world rather than for her self-preservation.” (EG, 27)

“To be evangelizers of souls, we need to develop a spiritual taste for being close to people’s lives and to discover that this is itself a source of greater joy. To be Mission is at once a passion for Jesus and a passion for his people.” (EG, 268)

“It is striking that even some who clearly have solid doctrinal and spiritual convictions fall into a lifestyle which leads to an attachment to financial security, or to a desire for power or for human glory at all cost, rather than giving their lives to others in mission. Let us not allow ourselves to be robbed of missionary enthusiasm.” (EG, 80)

**FRIENDS DON'T LET
FRIENDS GO TO HELL!**

Tell your friends about Jesus Christ...

A photograph of Pope Francis and Patriarch Bartholomew I of Constantinople. Pope Francis is on the right, wearing a white zucchetto and a white cassock, looking towards the Patriarch. Patriarch Bartholomew I is on the left, wearing a black mitre and a black cassock with a white stole, looking back at the Pope. They are both smiling slightly. The background is blurred, showing what appears to be an indoor setting with columns.

*“We need to
encounter one
another and to
challenge one another
under the guidance of the
Holy Spirit, who harmonizes
diversities and overcomes conflicts.”*

Pope Francis

Go and make disciples...

“To believe that the Holy Spirit is at work in everything means realizing that he seeks to penetrate every human situation and all social bonds....Evangelization is meant to cooperate with this liberating work of Spirit.”

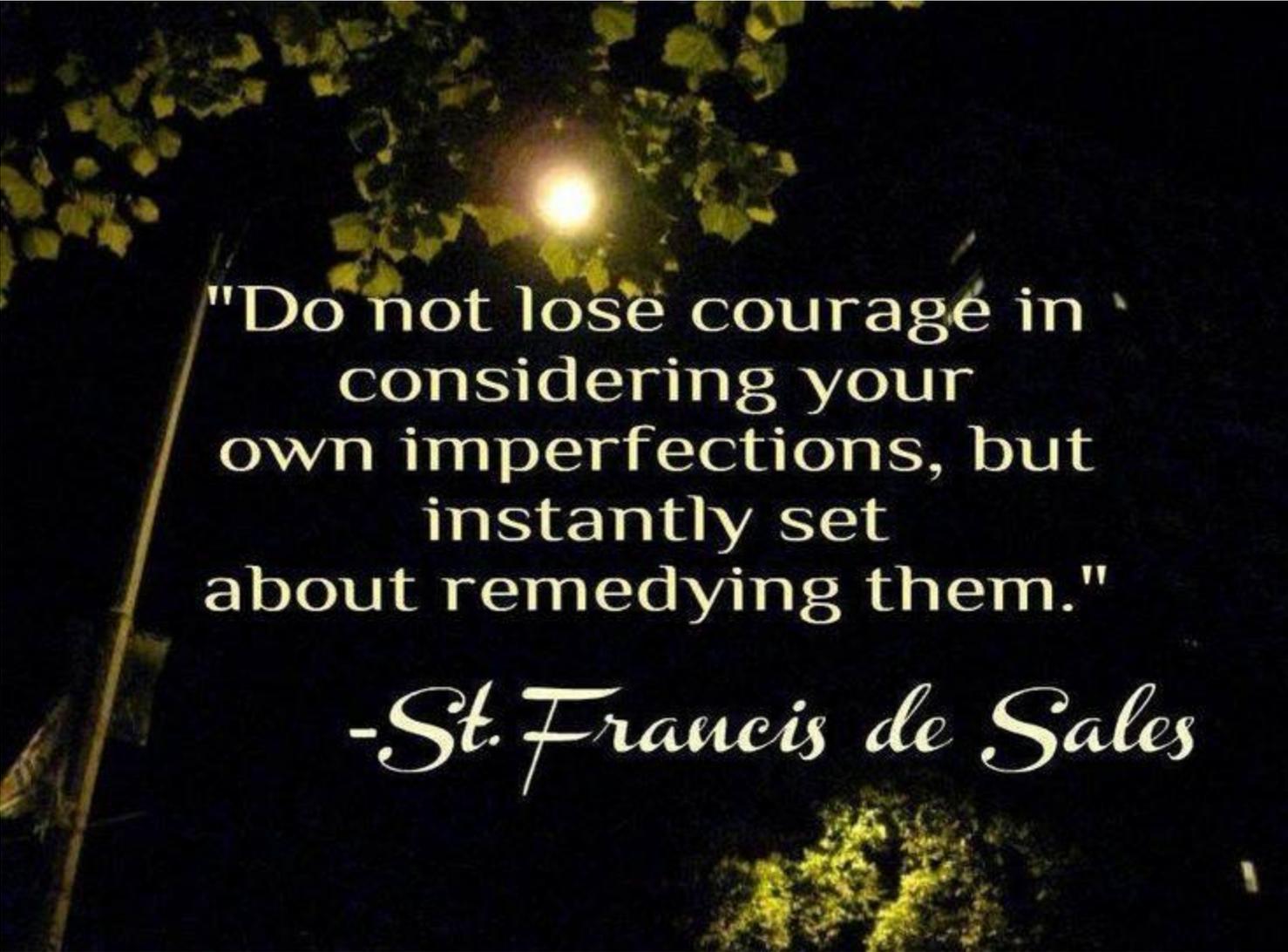
--Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium* (178)

Whether you recognize it or not, you are an important player in the world. You have a key role in the unfolding of God's master plan. Simply by being who you are, you are changing history. Your words, your actions, your demeanor are helping to shape other people and their perception of the Lord.

God has placed you here for a reason. He knows what you are capable of doing. So be quiet. Spend time with our Lord and ask:

Am I becoming the instrument that God created me to be?

Am I cooperating with His Spirit so I can help Him change the world?



"Do not lose courage in
considering your
own imperfections, but
instantly set
about remedying them."

-St. Francis de Sales

Final Takeaways

“The only real sadness, the only real failure, the only *great tragedy* in life, is to not to become a saint.”

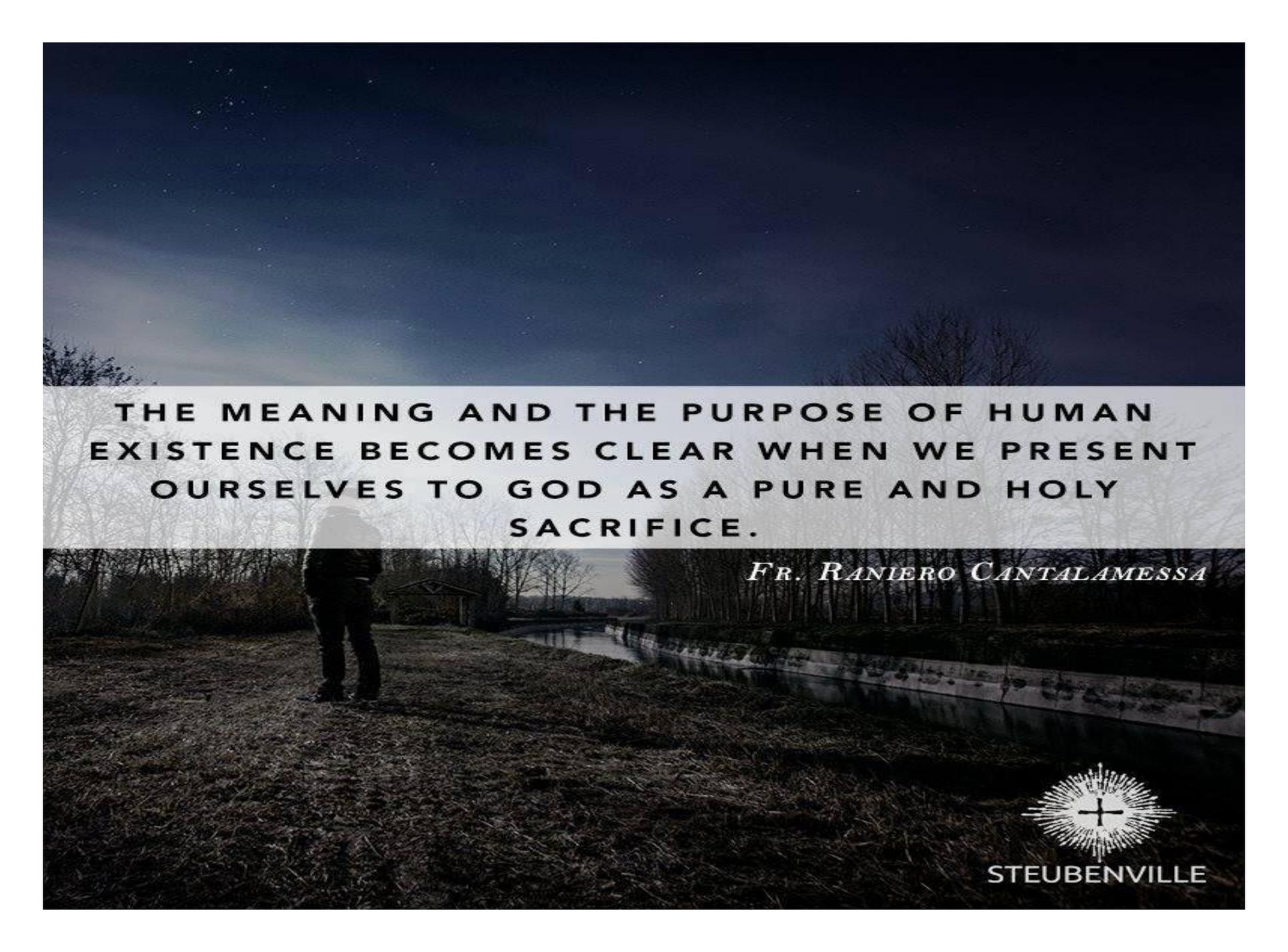
--Leon Bloy

“The Lord must reign in our mind, in our will, and in our actions.”

--Fr Fernandez, *In Conversation with God*

“God has given you a gift, a charism. A charism isn’t something you earn. It’s a gift entrusted to you for the sake of the whole community, including your church. The only question is whether you will put it at the service of the community or not.”

--Author Unknown

A dark, atmospheric photograph of a person standing on a path next to a river at night. The person is silhouetted against the dark sky and the river. The path is covered in dry grass or straw. The river flows to the right, bordered by a concrete wall. The background shows bare trees and a dark sky with some stars.

**THE MEANING AND THE PURPOSE OF HUMAN
EXISTENCE BECOMES CLEAR WHEN WE PRESENT
OURSELVES TO GOD AS A PURE AND HOLY
SACRIFICE.**

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