



Life is Worth Living Christmas Gala – 2010

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The Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Foundation

To Our Friends of America's Beloved Bishop, Greetings,

The Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Foundation functions as the “*Promoter of the Cause*” for the Canonization of the late Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. Through canonization God confirms the holiness of the lives of men and women who were His very faithful servants on earth. To be canonized, someone must live a life of heroic virtue at a level above and beyond the ordinary practice of Christian virtue. This would include constancy in prayer, perseverance through great trials, patience in intense sufferings, a notable practice of the works of mercy (especially toward the poor and the suffering), and outstanding zeal in the spreading of God’s love and mercy in word and deed for the salvation of souls and the glory of God. Fr. Andrew Apostoli, C.F.R., Vice-Postulator for the Cause and a Foundation board member, shares these truths in answer to the questions regarding sainthood. The question usually evolves to “why does it cost so much to have the Church declare someone a saint?” With the assistance of Fr. Apostoli we hope to address the question regarding the needs of the Foundation to raise funds by raising awareness.

The purpose of the Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Foundation is to make known the life, works and thoughts of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, to lead others to a deeper relationship with God and His Church through the Archbishop’s example and intercessions, and *to advance the Cause for the Canonization of Archbishop Sheen* according to the process prescribed in the Code of Canon Law under the supervision of the bishop of the Diocese of Peoria, Illinois.

In 2002, Bishop Daniel Jenky, C.S.C., of the Diocese of Peoria, officially petitioned the Vatican to open the Cause for Sheen’s beatification and canonization. Witness and documentation to Sheen’s life and sanctity were gathered from around the world. In February 2008, twenty-two volumes of testimonies and evidence were sent to the *Congregation for the Causes of Saints* in the Vatican, concluding the diocesan phase of the beatification process. These documents join the testimony of two alleged miracles attributed to Sheen’s intercession sent to the Vatican in 2006.

Many expenses are incurred in the canonization process, from its official opening up to and *including the ceremonies of Beatification and Canonization*. Father Andrew Apostoli helps us to understand the financial needs by explaining the obligations of the official promoter, i.e. the Foundation. Once the Cause is opened, the person is given the title of “*Servant of God*”, the title now held by Bishop Sheen. Next, the services of various officials must be secured. Chief among these is the Postulator, who officially represents the sponsor (the bishop) and the promoter (the Foundation) in dealing with the *Congregation for the Causes of Saints*. He carries out, with his own office personnel, the meetings and communication with the congregation. All of these people must be paid their salaries since this is their livelihood. Their work includes translating documents and testimonies into Italian, selecting the information that is most pertinent to the Cause, forming working documents of the testimonies and later of the proposed miracle cases that are submitted.

CONSIDER being a part of HISTORY in the life of the Church in AMERICA. Fulton Sheen is truly a saint **OUR COUNTRY needs!** Fulton Sheen is truly a saint a new generation and culture needs! **However, this CANNOT HAPPEN WITHOUT YOUR HELP!** Be a sponsor for the “*Life is Worth Living*” Christmas Gala fundraiser hosted by Louis E. Varela, M.D. and Maria Alicia Varela (Board of Directors of the Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Foundation and founders of the Texas Chapter in Houston, Texas).

Friday, December 10, 2010

Hilton Houston Post Oak • 6:30 P.M. to Midnight • Music by Mango Punch!

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Mail completed [Reply Form](#) to: AFJS * P.O. Box 11810, Spring, Texas 77391-1810 or E-mail Carlos Garcia: cg1960@aol.com or Irma Garcia: irmaboli@aol.com.

God bless you and “*God love you!*”

Louis E. Varela, M.D. & Maria Alicia Varela

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As we look forward to celebrating Archbishop Sheen’s life and memory at the **“Life is Worth Living”** Christmas Gala, your support and participation in advancing the Cause of sainthood for a great American is appreciated. *We promise a memorable and blessed evening for our sponsors and guests.* Please review and consider the sponsorship levels below. ***Please complete and submit to the mailing address below; an immediate reply is appreciated. God love you!***

Yes, we want to participate in the **“Life is Worth Living”** Christmas Gala:

- Corporate Sponsor \$25,000 Platinum Sponsor \$10,000 Gold Sponsor \$8,000
- Silver Sponsor \$5,000 Bronze Sponsor \$3,000 Wine Sponsor \$2,500
- Friends of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen \$500

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Please make check payable to Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Foundation (AFJS), mail: P. O Box 11810, Spring, Texas 77391-1810, or credit card donation:

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Corporate Underwriters Sponsorship- \$25,000

- Entity to sponsor 2 events tables (20 seats)
- Two(2) over-night rooms at Hilton Houston Post Oak for night of Gala
- Sponsor one night for Two (2) visiting VIP Clergy (sponsor to be recognized by a welcome gift for clergy)
- Saturday Breakfast (4 guests)
- Listed as Corporate Underwriter; company name featured in advertisement
- Valet Parking Passes (2 over-night)
- “**Archbishop Fulton Sheen's St. Therese - A Treasured Love Story**” with Foreword (& autographed) by Fr. Andrew Apostoli, 10 books (5 per-table)
- “**Life of Archbishop Fulton Sheen**” 10-CD’s (5 per-table)
- “**Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen: Servant of All**” 10-DVD’s (5 per-table)
- “**Wartime Prayer Book**” by Fulton Sheen provided to military personnel (10) recognizing Sponsor as donor
- Full page ad in event program (back cover)
- Special Underwriter Recognition Plaque presented at Gala

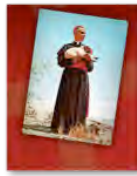
Platinum Sponsorship- \$10,000

- Entity to sponsor 1 event table (10 seats)
- One (1) over-night room at Hilton Houston Post Oak, night of Gala
- Sponsor one night for One (1) visiting VIP Clergy (sponsor to be recognized by a welcome gift for clergy)
- Saturday Breakfast (2 guests)
- Listed as Platinum Sponsor; company name featured in event program
- Valet Parking Passes(1 over-night)
- “**Archbishop Fulton Sheen's St. Therese - A Treasured Love Story**” with Foreword (& autographed) by Fr. Andrew Apostoli, 5 books
- “**Life of Archbishop Fulton Sheen**” 5-CD’s
- “**Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen: Servant of All**” 3-DVD’s
- “**Wartime Prayer Book**” by Fulton Sheen provided to military personnel (5) recognizing Sponsor as donor
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Silver Sponsorship- \$5,000

- Entity sponsor to 1 event table (10 seats)
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- Listed as Silver Sponsor; company name featured in event program
- Valet Parking Pass (1 over-night)
- “*Archbishop Fulton Sheen's St. Therese - A Treasured Love Story*” with Foreword (& autographed) by Fr. Andrew Apostoli, 3 books
- “*Life of Archbishop Fulton Sheen*” 2-CD's
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Bronze Sponsor- \$3,000

- Entity sponsor to 1 event table (10 seats)
- Listed as Bronze Sponsor; company name featured in event program
- Valet Parking Pass (1 event parking)
- “*Archbishop Fulton Sheen's St. Therese - A Treasured Love Story*” with Foreword (& autographed) by Fr. Andrew Apostoli, 1 book
- “*Life of Archbishop Fulton Sheen*” 1-CD
- “*Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen: Servant of All*” 1-DVD

Wine Sponsor- \$2,500

- Listed as Wine Sponsor; company name featured in event program
- Valet Parking Pass (1 event parking)
- “*Life of Archbishop Fulton Sheen*” 1-CD
- “*Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen: Servant of All*” 1-DVD

Friends of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen- \$500

- Honorable mention in event program as a supporter of the Cause for canonization

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The canonization of a saint is *one of the greatest blessings God bestows* upon His Church. Through canonization, God confirms the holiness of the lives of men and women who were His very faithful servants on earth. While much work has already been accomplished, much remains to be done and your support is needed! Consider joining us at the fundraising event hosted by Dr. & Mrs. Louis E. Varela, Board of Director members of the Foundation, of America's Bishop, the "Servant of God," Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. *Consider being part of a historical time in the life of the Church in America. Our country, a new generation and culture needs a saint like Fulton Sheen, ...be a part of it!*

The Foundation

The Archbishop Fulton John Sheen Foundation is the official promoter of the Cause for the Canonization of Archbishop Sheen. It is the goal of the Foundation to introduce a new generation to the holy priest, missionary and communicator, Fulton J Sheen, and to move the Church to proclaim him a saint.

Mission

The purpose of the Archbishop Fulton John Sheen Foundation is to make known the life, works and thoughts of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, to lead others to a deeper relationship with God and His Church through the Archbishop's example and intercessions, and to advance the Cause for the Canonization of Archbishop Sheen according to the process prescribed in the Code of Canon Law under the supervision of the bishop of the Diocese of Peoria, Illinois.

The Texas Chapter

A request from the Varela's, to family and friends, to aid and support the raising of funds to further the Cause for the sainthood of Archbishop Sheen, proved to be overwhelming, and the Texas Chapter was formed. The work to introduce and bring an awareness of Fulton J. Sheen to Houstonians began with fervor and zeal! On April 18, 2009, a day of speakers, which included Father Andrew Apostoli, C.F.R. and Vice-Postulator for the Cause and Monsignor Stanley L. Deptula, Executive Director for the Foundation, was held and followed by a benefit dinner. The following day, on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 19, 2009, after a Mass celebration at St. Ignatius Loyola, contributions were generously provided by many "Sheen" friends. Raising awareness is an ongoing job which continues throughout the year by the Texas Chapter volunteers. Introducing Archbishop Sheen to a new generation, we hope to fill them with the same zeal for the Church that Archbishop Sheen created for all of us. Communication was his great strength and so too, it must be ours. Fundraising is an important process and necessary, to continue the work of the Foundation to bring the teachings and writings to all generations by the promotion of the Cause of his sainthood. The Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Foundation needs the support of benefactors, donors, and the prayers of the faithful (*like you*) in order to accomplish this great work!

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The Sainthood Process

VATICAN CITY, SEP 12, 1997 (VIS) – Today the Holy See Press Office made public the following note on canonical procedure for causes of beatification and canonization:

1. Canon norms regarding the procedure to be followed for causes of saints are contained in the Apostolic Constitution '*Divinus Perfectionis Magister*, promulgated by John Paul II on January 25, 1983.
2. To begin a cause it is necessary for at least 5 years to have passed since the death of the candidate. This is to allow greater balance and objectivity in evaluating the case and to let the emotions of the moment dissipate.
3. The bishop of the diocese in which the person whose beatification is being requested is responsible for beginning the investigation. The promoter group (*Actor Causae*): diocese, parish, religious congregation, association, asks the bishop through the postulator for the opening of the investigation. The bishop, once the *nulla osta* of the Holy See is obtained, forms a diocesan tribunal for this purpose. Witnesses are called before the tribunal to recount concrete facts on the exercise of Christian virtues considered heroic, that is, the theological virtues: faith, hope and charity, and the cardinal virtues: prudence, justice, temperance and fortitude, and others specific to his state in life. In addition, all documents regarding the candidate must be gathered. At this point he is entitled to the title of *Servant of God*.
4. Once the diocesan investigation is finished, the acts and documentation are passed on to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. The public copy used for further work is put together here. The postulator, resident in Rome, follows the preparation of the *Positio*, or summary of the documentation that proves the heroic exercise of virtue, under the direction of a relater of the Congregation. The *Positio* undergoes an examination (theological) by nine theologians who give their vote. If the majority of the theologians are in favor, the cause is passed on for examination by cardinals and bishops who are members of the congregation. They hold meetings twice a month. If their judgment is favorable, the prefect of the congregation presents the results of the entire course of the cause to the Holy Father, who gives his approval and authorizes the congregation to draft the relative decree. The public reading and promulgation of the decree follows.
5. For the beatification of a confessor, a miracle attributed to the *Servant of God*, verified after his death, is necessary. The required miracle must be proven through the appropriate canonical investigation, following a procedure analogous to that for heroic virtues. This one too is concluded with the relative decree. Once the two decrees are promulgated (regarding the heroic virtues and the miracle) the Holy Father decides on beatification, which is the concession of public worship, limited to a particular sphere. With beatification the candidate receives the title of *Blessed*.
6. For canonization another miracle is needed, attributed to the intercession of the *Blessed* and having occurred after his beatification. The methods for ascertainment of the affirmed miracle are the same as those followed for beatification. Canonization is understood as the concession of public worship in the Universal Church. Pontifical infallibility is involved. With canonization, the *Blessed* acquires the title of Saint.

Vatican Information Service. Canonization Process. Catholic-Pages.com. 1997. 19 Apr. 2007.
<http://www.catholicpages.com/saints/process.asp>

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Love *is Not* ... Tolerance

BISHOP FULTON J. SHEEN

Christian love bears evil, but it does not tolerate it.



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It does penance for the sins of others, but it is not broadminded about sin.

The cry for tolerance never induces it to quench its hatred of the evil philosophies that have entered into contest with the Truth.

It forgives the sinner, and it hates the sin; it is unmerciful to the error in his mind.

The sinner it will always take back into the bosom of the Mystical Body; but his lie will never be taken into the treasury of His Wisdom.

Real love involves real hatred:

Whoever has lost the power of moral indignation and the urge to drive the buyers and sellers from the temples has also lost a living, fervent love of Truth.

Charity, then, is not a mild philosophy of "live and let live"; it is not a species of sloppy sentiment.

Charity is the infusion of the Spirit of God, which makes us love the beautiful and hate the morally ugly.

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