



ARCHBISHOP VENERABLE FULTON SHEEN

“God called you to proclaim in an extraordinary way his dynamic word” were words of praise for Archbishop Fulton Sheen by Pope Saint John Paul II. During his 60 years of priestly service, Archbishop Sheen taught and preached the word of God, thereby following in the footsteps of Jesus and proclaiming his kingdom. Whether in books, in the university classroom, at Mass, or in the new television media, Archbishop Sheen was one of the greatest orators of the 20th century. His television series, *Life is Worth Living*, reached tens of millions of people. His iconic teaching chalkboard always started with JMJ. He did everything under the guidance and wisdom of the Holy Family – Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. His bishop’s motto, “Grant that I may come to you [Jesus] through Mary” proclaimed his love and devotion to the Blessed Virgin.

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THE THIRD LUMINOUS MYSTERY

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE KINGDOM

[Jesus] went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom. ... He began to teach them, saying: / ... “Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, / for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” ... “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?” ... “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.” *Mt 4:23, Mt 5:2,10, Acts 9:4-5*

Our Father...

As they were stoning Stephen, he called out “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ... Saul was consenting to his execution. ... Saul ... was trying to destroy the church. *Acts 7:59, Acts 8:1,3*

Hail Mary...

[T]he Lord said, “... this man is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before Gentiles ... [and] he will have to suffer for my name.” ... [Saul] was baptized. ... [H]e began at once to proclaim Jesus ... the Son of God. *Acts 9:15-16,18,20*

Hail Mary...

For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the holy Spirit and [with] much conviction. ... [S]tand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught, either by an oral statement or by a letter of ours. *1 Thes 1:5, 2 Thes 2:15*

Hail Mary...

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[T]hey only kept hearing that “the one who once was persecuting us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy.” ... Bear one another’s burdens, and so you will fulfill the law of Christ. ... I bear the marks of Jesus on my body. *Gal 1:23, Gal 6:2,17*

Hail Mary...

I have made myself a slave to all so as to win over as many as possible. ... For as Christ’s sufferings overflow to us, so through Christ does our encouragement also overflow. ... I will gladly spend and be utterly spent for your sakes. *1 Cor 9:19, 2 Cor 1:5, 2 Cor 12:15*

Hail Mary...

What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, distress, or persecution, ... or the sword? ... I aspire to proclaim the gospel not where Christ has already been named. ... / “Those who have never been told of him shall see, / and those who have never heard of him shall understand.” *Rom 8:35, Rom 15:20-21*

Hail Mary...

Put on the armor of God so that you may be able to stand firm against the tactics of the devil. ... I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus. *Eph 6:11, Phil 1:6*

Hail Mary...

It is he whom we proclaim, admonishing everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone perfect in Christ. For this I labor and struggle. ... I am, Paul, an old man, and now also a prisoner for Christ Jesus. *Col 1:28-29, Phlm 9*

Hail Mary...

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. ... For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the one that is to come. ... [We] were once foolish, disobedient, deluded, slaves to various desires and pleasures, living in malice and envy. ... / [H]e saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the holy Spirit. *Heb 13:8,14, Ti 3:3,5*

Hail Mary...

I am grateful to him who has strengthened me, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he considered me trustworthy in appointing me to the ministry. I was once a blasphemer and persecutor. ... Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Of these I am the foremost. ... Remember Jesus Christ, ..., for which I am suffering, even to the point of chains. *1 Tm 1:12-13,15, 2 Tm 2:8-9*

Hail Mary... Glory Be... O My Jesus...

