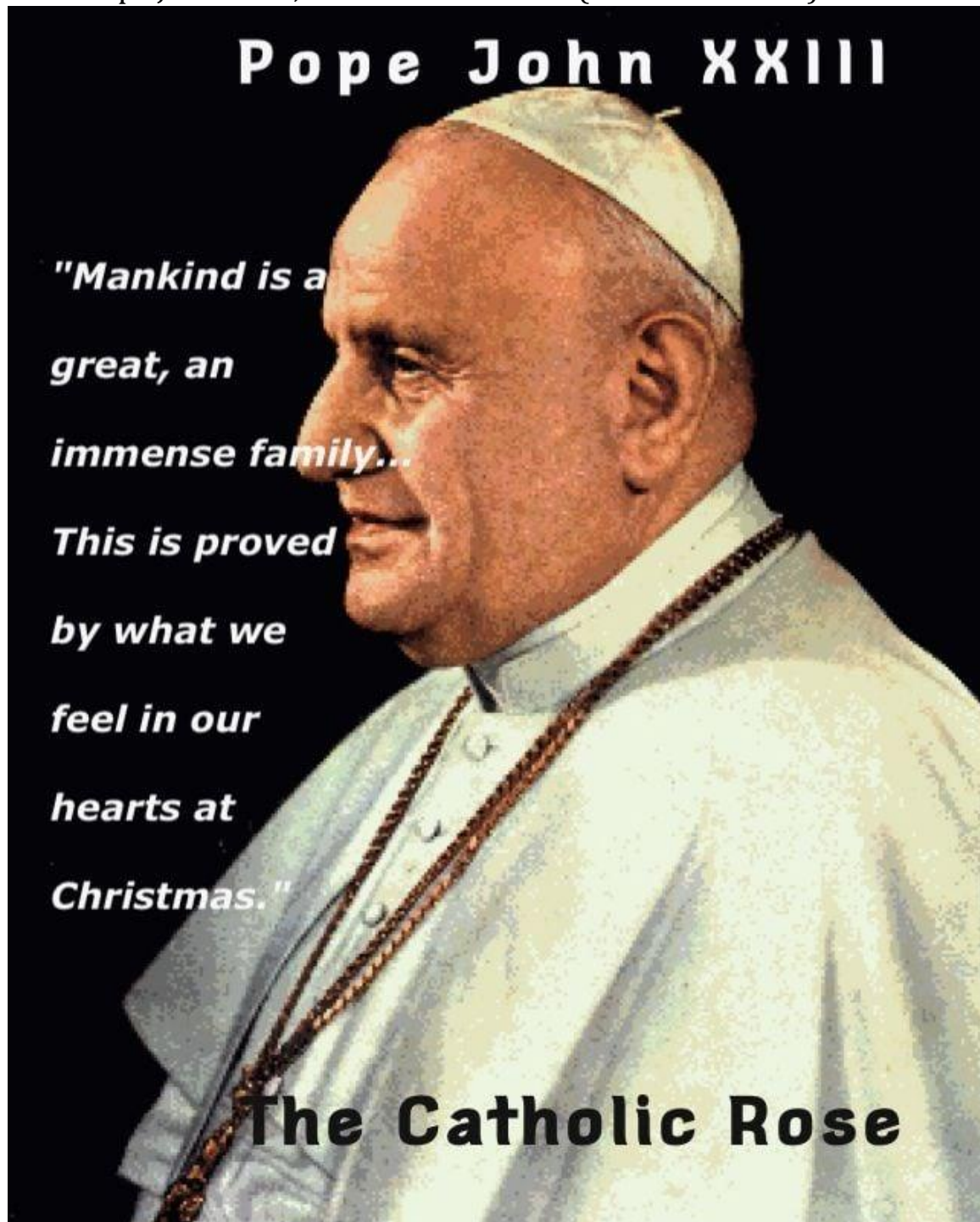


Saint Pope John XXIII, "The Catholic Rose" (1881 - 1963 AD)



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"Angelo Guiseppe Roncalli was the fourth of twelve children born to sharecroppers in Sotto il Monte in northern Italy. He went to the seminary at the age of twelve. "I wanted to love GOD at all costs," he later explained, "and I thought of nothing other than becoming a Priest at the service of simple souls in need of patient and diligent care."

After ordination he worked as secretary to his Bishop and then as a medical orderly in World War I. Assigned in 1925 as a Papal diplomat, he served for many years in Bulgaria, Turkey and France. During World War II, he helped thousands of Jews obtain documents that would ensure them safe passage from areas under Nazi control.

After only five years as Cardinal and Patriarch of Venice, Angelo was elected Roman Pontiff, taking the name John XXIII. He declared his desire to be a "pastoral Pope" - a shepherd with his eye on the sheep. He wrote the social encyclical "Mater et Magistra" [Christianity and Social Progress in 1961] and declared in "Pacem in Terris" [Peace on Earth in 1963] that peace on earth is grounded in human dignity and the equality of peoples.

Less than three months into his Pontificate, he called for an ecumenical council, "Vatican II." John died the year after the council began, prompting a spontaneous worldwide cry of grief for "Good Pope John." Father in Heaven, through the intercession of Saint John XXIII, grant me a simple, childlike heart" of Faith in our Lord JESUS CHRIST. \*

EPHESIANS 1:3-10

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vDF6aEpciVY>

3 Blessed be The GOD and Father of our Lord JESUS CHRIST, Who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in CHRIST:

4 According as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love:

5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by JESUS CHRIST to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,

6 To the praise of The Glory of His Grace, wherein He hath made us accepted in The Beloved.

7 In Whom we have redemption through His Blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His Grace;

8 Wherein He hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;

9 Having made known unto us The Mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He hath purposed in Himself:

10 That in the dispensation of the fulness of times He might gather together in One all things in CHRIST, both which are in Heaven, and which are on earth; even in Him:

\* ["Saint John XXIII - Pope." The Magnificat, 8/27/2021. Saints Who Were Leaders, p 388.]