

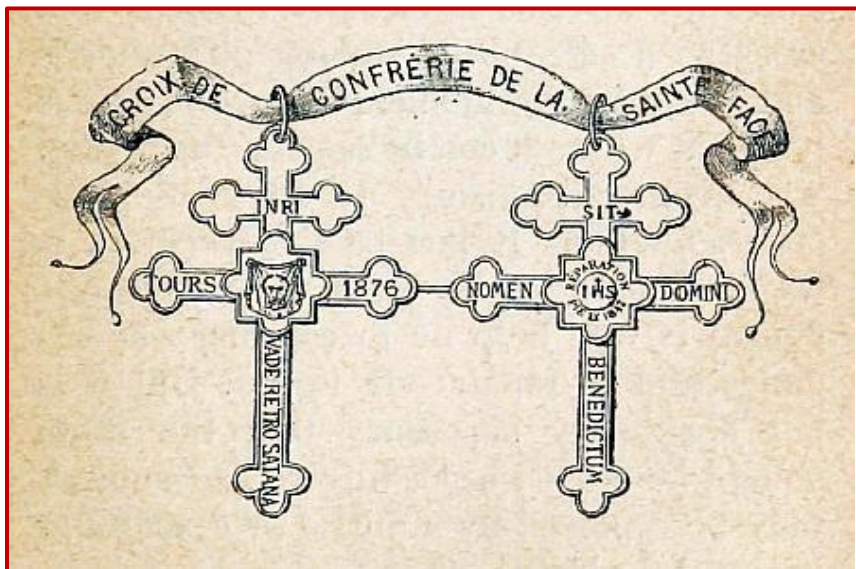
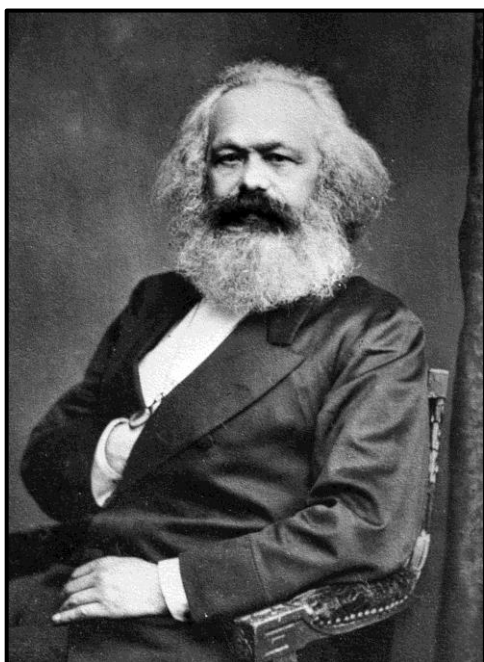
# The Holy Face of Jesus Newsletter / Video log

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### The Holy Face devotion & the 'Work of Reparation'

The holy Carmelite, *Sister Marie of St Peter and of the Holy Family* (her full religious name) revealed in the final months of her life, 1847-48: "Our Lord desires to make an alliance between his



justice and his mercy, and for this end he now asks that the work of reparation be established. Oh, yes, Our Lord will most assuredly disarm the anger of God, his Father, by offering Him from us **His reparative work!** He showed me the sins of **blasphemy** and **profanation of Sunday** under the symbol of two pumps, with which men guilty of these crimes are drawing the waters of God's wrath on our country France, and which is in danger of being submerged – if the work of reparation, which he has given as a means of deliverance, be not established." This was on 14 March 1847, after Holy Communion, warning of "punishments which divine justice is preparing" for mankind if the anger of God is not appeased. Our Lord then warned – just a few months before the founding of the Communist League and just under a year before the publication of the Communist Manifesto – that the Communists "were working secretly to advance their schemes." He said: "**Oh, if you only knew their secret and diabolical plots and their anti-Christian principles.** They are waiting for a favourable day in order to inflame the whole country. To obtain mercy, ask therefore that this work of reparation be established, by addressing yourself to him who through the bounden duty of his office can establish it." Alas, the Archbishop of Tours, though believing fully in the revelations, did not establish the work of reparation publicly. This would not be done until 1875, by which time Communism had already caused much bloodshed in France.

### The connection between Jesus' Holy Name, Holy Face, Blasphemy & Reparation

Our Lord showed Sister Marie by means of a comparison simple and appropriate, the special **connection existing between his Holy Name and his Holy Face.** She explained: "He made me understand that whereas merit accruing from noble actions is always attached to persons themselves, yet the glory which accompanies those actions is always attached to the names of these persons. **In short, I saw that the merit or demerit of any person is always attached to his name,** so that each time the name of a person is mentioned, it recalls either the glory of that person or his ignominy. Our Lord explained the **connection** between his Holy Face, his Holy Name, the sin of blasphemy, and **the power of reparation.**

He began his explanation by drawing attention to that which is always “mystifying in the facial expression of an honourable man who has been maligned.” Imagine, he asked her, the face of a man who has “earned for himself a distinguished name.” He is standing “in the presence of his enemies” who “by uttering their slanderous accusations and sarcastic remarks against him, instead of offering titles of honour which are his due... injure him most painfully.” Our Lord



then conveyed a vivid picture to Sister Marie of the injury done by such insults to an honourable man and, thus to the greatest degree imaginable, to Himself. Sister Marie retells the vision for us in her Autobiography. “His whole facial expression undergoes a painful change as the insults flung at him become reflected in every line of his features, which tell all too clearly that he is undergoing real torments. Look closely at the way this man’s face turns red which is only natural since he is burning with shame and confusion, feeling cheap and disgraced, he suffers more cruelly from this embarrassment covering his face than he would suffer from various other pains that might be inflicted on other parts of his body. Well, this is but a faint picture of what the adorable face of our Saviour **endures** when it is outraged by the **blasphemies** of the wicked.”

**Blasphemy therefore, which insults God’s Holy Name, also outrages the Holy Face of Our Lord.  
But what is the effect of reparation?**

**Sister Marie’s instruction by Our Lord continued:**

“After that, Our Lord made me visualise this same man in the presence of his friends, who, hearing of the insults to which he had been subjected by his enemies, at once gather around him that they might undo the wrongs that he was made to endure. Joining in one voice they all begin to treat him with the dignity which he deserves, speaking highly and openly, and of his achievements, recommending his great deeds and rendering honour to his distinguished name as they address him by his special titles. Now watch the face of this man as it begins to take on the expression of sweetness, which reflects his appreciation of the praise and honour accorded to him.

Observe the joy sparkling in his eyes, and finally a blissful smile parts his lips, for behold, the entire face of this man has become transformed. In short, the faithful friends of this man have not only wiped away the burning shame on his face, outraged by the insults of his enemies, but by their unanimous praises, they have given him so full a measure of honour that it by far surpassed the former shames he endured in his countenance. And that is precisely what the friends of Our Lord Jesus Christ actually do for him by the work of reparation. The honour which they give to his name is seen reflected in his brow and in his facial expression, but especially in **the Holy Face in the Blessed Sacrament** made radiant with joy by means of **reparation**.”

**Sister Marie concluded her account of this profound revelation with these moving words:**

**“I comprehend that as blasphemers cruelly afflict the Holy Face, so those who make reparation delight and glorify it. But what I see as I never saw before is the striking connection between a person’s face and his name, for the face reflects indeed either his honour or his dishonour. Blasphemy, which, as Our Lord stated, includes attacks on the Church, is the great evil of our day. Reparation is the solution.”**

**PRAYER:** O Divine Jesus, through Your Face and Name, save us. Our hope is in the virtue of Your Holy Name! Eternal Father, I offer You the Adorable Face of Your Beloved Son for the honour and glory of Your Name, for the conversion of sinners and for the salvation of the dying. Amen.

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