



# The Holy Face of Jesus

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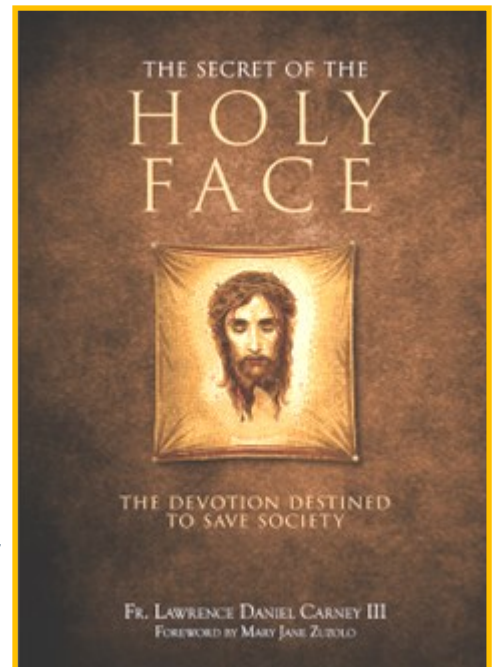


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‘The Secret of the Holy Face and HLI Ireland’

**The purpose of the Holy Face devotion**, revealed to Sr Marie St Pierre (Carmelite) (left) in the 1840s and Ven. Sr. Maria Pierina de Micheli (Daughters of the Immaculate Conception) in the 1930s (right), is to make reparation for sins committed against the first three Commandments.

In the first chapter of Fr Lawrence Carney's book, *‘The Secret of the Holy Face,’* he writes: *‘We live in an age when it seems as if God has abandoned us, and His adversaries besiege us on all sides. But there is hope. We have a way out of this predicament. The Old Testament provides clues, especially concerning the theme of God's people turning to Him and, subsequently, turning their backs on Him; to which, God unswervingly rewards those who turn to His face and punishes those who turn their backs to His face.’*



Out of the Ten Commandments, the first three pertain to God and His desire of our respect and the seven remaining Commandments pertain to how we are to relate to our fellow *man*. Leviticus 26 provides a battle plan to defeat evil in our day. First, God warns us not to make idols to worship. Second, He commands us to reverence His Sanctuary. Then, He says, "keep my Commandments". This also means do not blaspheme. So, in summary, we have the first three Commandments – do not commit idolatry, irreverence, and blasphemy - and God promises blessings to those who follow His commandments. **Below is the fifth sub-heading of a section from Fr Carney's book *The Secret of the Holy Face*, "The Archconfraternity of the Holy Face, why should one join?"**

**The first tablet of the Law** deals with right relationship with God. If we blaspheme, do not honour the Lords day, and commit idolatry, how can we expect to render to our neighbour his due?

**The second tablet of the Law** deals with right relationship with man. "If any man say, I love God, and hateth his brother; he is a liar." One must give reparation for the sins against God. Then he must strive to be more reverent. One example is by attending the Holy Mass or making efforts to encourage the Bishop and priests [to bring orthodoxy back into parishes]! Lastly, one must strive to intercede for reversion. This means praying for fallen-away Catholics that they will be led back into the Church. The Church was erected

for two purposes, to render true adoration to God and to save souls.

'The devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus is an excellent outline to achieve these eternal goals'.

***“Destruction is thy own, O Israel: thy help is only in Me.” — Hosea 13:9***

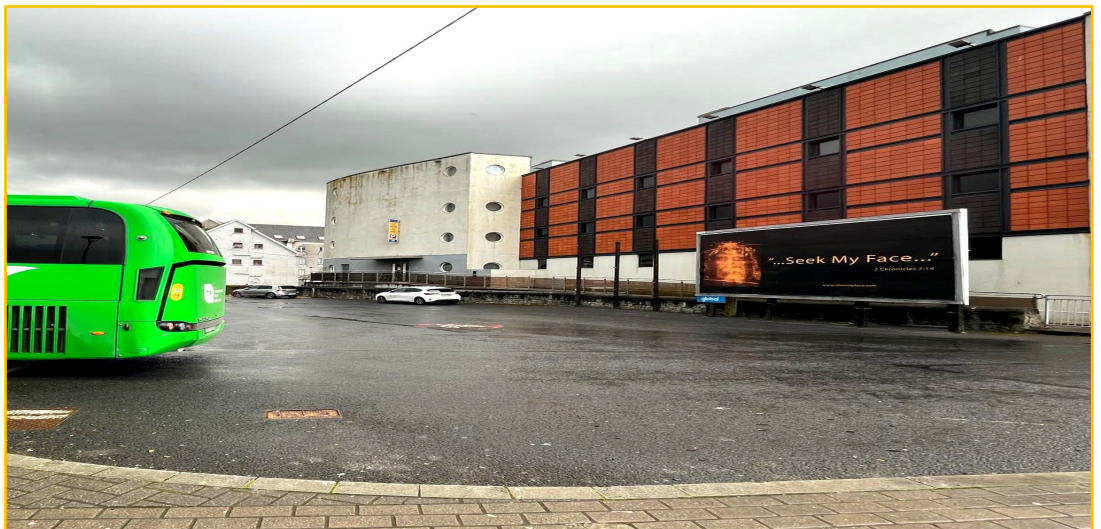
The humble acknowledgement of this truth is an eloquent appeal for God’s mercy and allows Him to do for us all that His Heart is longing to do. He wants our happiness even more than we do, and He well knows we cannot find it outside of Him; yet at the same time, He respects our free will. He does not force us, for **union with God** is like a spiritual **marriage** between Christ and the soul, and it will not take place without our **free consent**. We have all received this proposal and we all have the freedom to say “yes”. What joy if we accept! What tragedy if we say “no”! It is a constant invitation, for the Heart of Jesus is generous; and until we breathe our last it is never too late to say “yes”.

Devotion to the Holy Face ties in so centrally with the above and Catholic teaching on *Faith, life and the family*. **Human Life International Ireland** effectively **launched** it at home and abroad. It distributed around

200,000 Holy Face medals in Ireland over the last 10 years with explanatory pamphlets as well as erected billboards, comprising about 50 to 60 of them, nationally in bus and train stations.

CEO Patrick McCrystal stated: *Every Lent we're giving God His*

*proper place in our lives and in society and in the world, then everything else goes well. And then if we're right with God then the graces for Faith, Life and Family flow from that and we cannot be doing anything better, especially when Heaven has revealed a remedy against atheistic communism and its ideology in the world!"*



## **Prayer:**

Almighty Father, come into our hearts, and so fill us with your love that **forsaking all evil desires**, we may embrace you, our only good. Show us, O Lord our God, what you are to us. Say to our souls, I am your salvation, speak so that we may hear. Our hearts are before you; open our ears; let us hasten after your voice. **Hide not your Face from us, we beseech you, O Lord**. Open our hearts so that you may enter in. Repair the ruined mansions, that you may dwell therein. Hear us, O Heavenly Father, for the sake of your only Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (St. Augustine)

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**Call to Action: HLI Ireland aims to get the Holy Face of Jesus into every parish internationally.**

Remember, Jesus told Sr Marie Pierre in Tours in the mid 19th century, that He wanted the Holy Face prayers in EVERY TOWN, where they are “a weapon and a shield” and said:  
“Woe to those towns that will not make this act of reparation.”

**Become Familiar:** through books, videos and talks. Pray the prayers for your priests to know the Holy Face. Embed the prayers in your parish by praying them all in one go (20 minutes) or pray one a day of the five (4 minute) prayers over five days e.g. Monday to Friday e.g. before or after Mass together. Organise events: video showings, book clubs, prayer meetings onsite and online.

**Partner with Us:** become a **HLI Ireland ally** and a **Holy Face missionary** to the world. Our entire operation is expanding, entirely running on God’s providence and we invest any surplus back into mission. We are upgrading our website, translating into multiple languages and funding for an international state of the art app to get the Holy Face EVERYWHERE.

**Contact us:** [info@theholysface.com](mailto:info@theholysface.com) and let us know how we can help you and vice versa.

<p><b>For an overview of the devotion go to our website right:</b></p>	<p><b><a href="http://www.theholysface.com">www.theholysface.com</a></b></p>
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