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ANNOUNCING A POWERFUL NEW DRAMA *Details Inside*

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Fr. Augustus Tolton:
Our next production

Could you do what Martha Tolton did?

Our new live production will give you that courage.

Imagine your children being whipped daily as they labor in the fields. Imagine you're a slave and a mother, and your husband has left to fight for the Union Army. You know there is no other way to save your family - you have to escape.

In the dead of night, you slip away. It's twenty miles to the Missouri - Illinois border. On the other side lies freedom, but you have to get there first, and that means crossing the vast Mississippi River.

You're terrified, but you pray for a miracle, and sure enough, God provides. When you reach the river, you find a dilapidated row boat and push out across the dark waters, with bullets from angry Confederate soldiers whizzing by your ears. Miraculously, under the cover of darkness, you make it to freedom.

Now, more than 150 years later, we know God had a mission for this heroic mother. Through Martha Tolton's courage, determination, and most of all through her devout Catholic faith, the first African American priest, Father Augustus Tolton, was given to the people of God.

In 2015, I'm going to produce a play about his life. I need you to help me do it.

You know only too well that our Christian faith - and even more, the faith of our children - is being aggressively challenged. We need courage. We need determination. We need compassion. Father Augustus Tolton's story can inspire us for the battle ahead.

You won't believe how much he suffered to become a priest. When he attended the local Catholic school, he was mocked and insulted until he broke down in uncontrollable sobs. Finally, because of outrageous prejudice, he was asked to leave. The

pastor there later recalled, "I can see them yet - mother and son - Mrs. Tolton's arms flung around the boy's shoulders, walking down the sidewalk after we drove them out."

Augustus Tolton was finally ordained in Rome, and returned to the United States to serve the people of God, most especially African-Americans.

His story is amazing and inspiring, and we need to hear it. Will you help me? Together, you and I can produce a drama with a powerful impact in our country and all over the world, to draw ALL people to the truth of Jesus Christ.

We'll open Father Augustus Tolton's drama in September of 2015. This will take a miracle, but what else is new? With you beside me, praying for this project, and most especially with God's Grace, we're going to create something beautiful and inspiring that will make a difference in our world.

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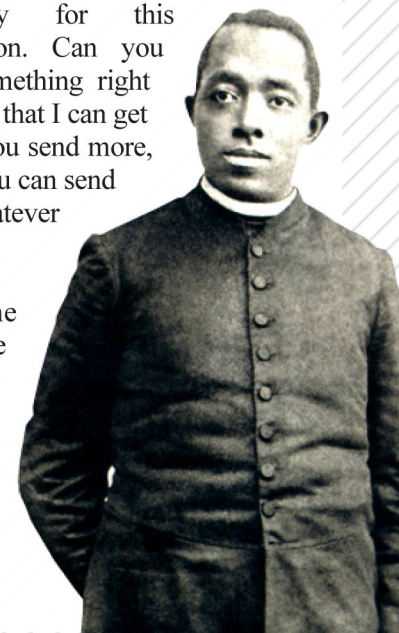
I need to raise \$75,000 to pay for this production. Can you send something right away, so that I can get

started? \$100 would be terrific - but if you send more, we could sure use it. And, of course, if you can send less, I will be very, very grateful for whatever you can manage.

Like Mother Tolton crossing the Mississippi in a leaky boat in the middle of the night, let's trust in God, and take a risk. Let's cross that river, and bring freedom to souls through the Truth of Jesus Christ. It's worth it.

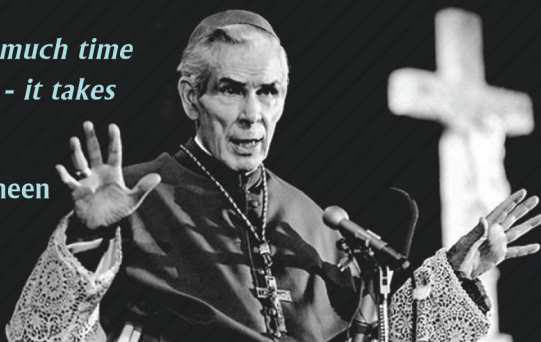
God bless you,

Leonardo



"It does not take much time to make us saints - it takes only much love!"

- Fulton J. Sheen



Thank you for voting!

Fulton Sheen - He's coming too!

We loved hearing from you!

Along with Father Augustus Tolton, Fulton Sheen was extremely popular in our survey, so look for a new production on Venerable Fulton Sheen in 2016 - or sooner, with your help!

Wake people up!

Want to see these shows?

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"Bring Saint Luke Productions to your community and uncover this treasure. You will be glad you did."

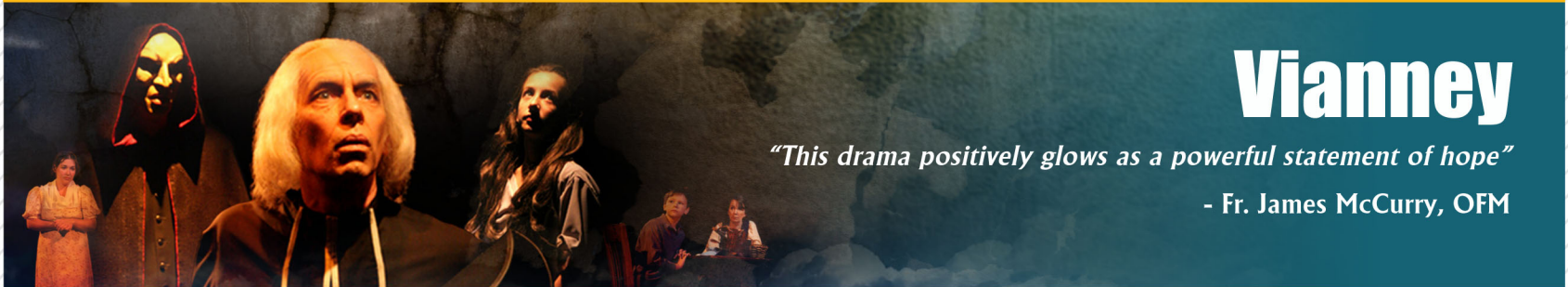
~ Jim Coffey, The Papal Foundation



Faustina

"Wow! This is not a 'show' but a transformation experience that has the power to change hearts and lives."

- Lynn Albanese



Vianney

"This drama positively glows as a powerful statement of hope"

- Fr. James McCurry, OFM



Maximilian

"Defilippis has so embodied the spirit of the saint that the audience soon forgets they are watching a performance. Bravo! Maximum bravo!"

- Michael O'Brien, author and artist



Where is Saint Francis?

We're casting the role of a lifetime - and you can help!

We really, really wanted to open Saint Francis this fall, but we just haven't found the right actor.

So many of you are sacrificing to see this play happen - thank you!

Keep praying that God will send that specially talented, faith-filled young man to knock on our door. Help us find him - visit www.stlukeproductions.com to learn how.

Watch the trailers to these dramas and more at youtube.com/stlukeproductions



Where I am, there you are too.

There's something mysterious going on.

By Patti Defilippis

A few mornings ago, I got call from my daughter, Mary, at 6:30 in the morning. She's 25, and lives and works in Denver, Colorado. Mary told me that when she came out to her car to go to work, she noticed that the trunk was open, and then when she drove away, she realized everything was in disarray in the car. She had apparently left the door unlocked, and someone had broken in. Her headphones were gone, but nothing else.

"Mary, Mother of God, actually has the cells of Jesus in her brain!"

This was disturbing to her, but what was really weird was that night I had had a very vivid dream. I dreamt that someone had broken into our house and smashed every window on the bottom floor. That was all there was to it – no additional details, just all these broken windows. A coincidence

perhaps, but it did strike me as strangely connected with Mary's situation.

Now, my Mary is the one who told me about an amazing phenomenon called fetal microchimerism. This is a scientifically documented fact that DNA from the cells of a child are found in the brain – and other organs – of his or her mother. "Microchimerism most commonly arises during pregnancy when cells from a fetus pass through the placenta and into the mother's body—and vice versa."

So the child remains part of the mother forever. This has profound medical and theological implications, and I think that



Me with Mary - now 25

my dream was a manifestation of this phenomenon. My children are not just psychologically connected to me, they actually are a part of me, and I of them.

Pretty cool. The most profound implication of this is that Mary, Mother of God, actually has the cells of Jesus in her brain! This is something to contemplate, all right.

Thanks for all the mysteries of your Truth, Dear Lord.



Anna & Michael Raimondi, married July 27, 2014

Homeless Couple Wedding

Good news, but they still really need your prayers

Remember the homeless couple sleeping on our church doorstep that I wrote about in the last newsletter? Anna and Michael Raimondi were united in Holy Matrimony before Fr. Vincent Kelber at Holy Rosary Church in Portland, OR on July 26, 2014. A few days later they moved back to Anna's native Pittsburgh, where they still have not found housing.

Among other serious setbacks, Michael was diagnosed with liver cancer shortly after they arrived. Thanks for your prayers – they need them now more than ever.

What you're saying:

"Leonardo brought to life Saint Maximilian in a way that I now feel like I know him. I would go again in a heartbeat. If you get the chance to see Maximilian: Saint of Auschwitz, make it happen and be ready for your life to change.

– Joe Patch IV, Radio Maria

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At 14, he saw the movie *Thérèse* and discovered his vocation.

Thérèse movie sparks vocation.

*Ever wonder what your gift really achieves?
Here's a story that will amaze you!*



Like Saint Thérèse he lived with joy in his suffering.

Stephen Cox was fourteen years old when he saw the movie *Thérèse*. It changed his life, sparking a religious vocation that finally brought him to Mount Angel Benedictine Abbey where

After seeing *Thérèse*, Stephen started researching monastic life. God was calling him, but the problem was he had epilepsy. He applied to several religious orders that had some connection with Saint Thérèse, but they all turned him down because of his illness. Finally, God brought him to Mount Angel.

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When Stephen found out that part of our movie *Thérèse* was filmed at Mount Angel, he was overjoyed and took it as confirmation that this was the place God wanted him.

In the *Thérèse* movie, Stephen met another fourteen-year-old who realized that more than anything else she wanted to give her life to God. Young Thérèse Martin went all the way to the Pope to ask his permission, and she finally entered the Carmelite Monastery in Lisieux, France a year later. When she was just 24 years old, she died of tuberculosis. Before her death she told her sisters, "I want to spend my heaven doing good on earth."

She did that. And you helped her, when you prayed and sacrificed for *Thérèse*, the movie. A young boy in Concord, California, met her and gave his life to God.

They asked him, "Why do you want to be a monk of Mount Angel Abbey?" His reply echoed Saint Thérèse, "Because I want to be a saint and I think that this is the best place for me to do that." That simple answer, his innocence, and his childlike joy touched the Abbot, and he welcomed him.



Stephen was thrilled that the *Thérèse* movie was filmed at Mount Angel.

Brother Stephen had completed all the requirements as a postulant and had been accepted by the community to enter the novitiate, but he died three days prior to the ceremony. The week

before, he had joked to one of his brothers, "When we're novices, they have to bury us in the Abbey cemetery."

That's what they did. Brother Stephen was buried in the Abbey cemetery in the habit of a Benedictine novice on September 10, 2014. He is now with his community forever. Let's pray for this beautiful soul, and let's try to be like him, with a joyful smile, and Saint Thérèse's childlike trust in God's Mercy.

We are humbled here at Saint Luke to have been part of Brother Stephen's life here on earth. May he rest in peace.

Prayer for Discernment

*"O Lord, how my soul longs to be satisfied by
You alone, but is still hesitant to be Your bride.
Like one who is betrothed and does not know her
groom, my soul is uneasy. You are indeed good
and deserving of all my love. Therefore, show
me where it is You wish me to pitch my tent, in
this earthly exile, so that I may live forever in the
palace where You reside. Amen."*

*By Br. Stephen Cox, OSB
1992-2014*

You're changing the world, one soul at a time.

Thank you for all you do.

**You are the reason Saint Luke Productions exists.
Because of you, an anxious father was able to trust in God.
Listen to what he says:**

"Last night I took my 10-year-old son to see Faustina: Messenger of Divine Mercy in Lincoln. We have 6 kids (from ages 10 down to 1). I can't tell you how much the performance impacted me and brought a sense of peace to my soul. Everything is in the hands of the Merciful Jesus!"

- Michael Kluck, Lincoln, NE

**You are doing good for souls you'll never meet this side of Heaven. God bless you for your kindness.
Keep it up - I can't do this work without you!**



Kluck family

I need you. God needs you.

You made Faustina happen. You made Vianney happen. You made Thérèse happen.

Make Augustus Tolton happen! This is your production.

Please do these ③ things right now:

- 1) **Say a prayer** for this project. And keep it up! Your prayers keep us going!
- 2) **Send whatever you can.** Your gift will produce a powerful live production on the first African-American priest.
- 3) **Spread the word!** Tell actors, tell your friends, tell your pastors – we need everyone praying and working for this goal!

"Your trust keeps me moving forward with dramas that inspire!"

- Leonardo Defilippis

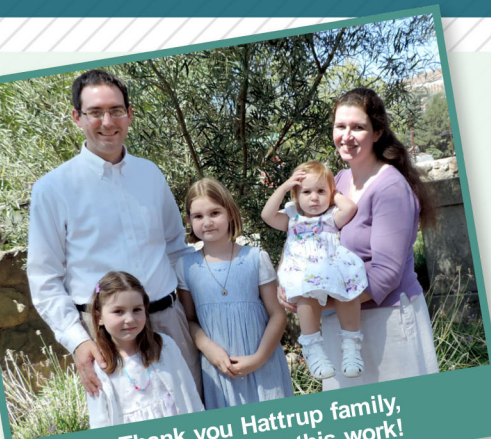


Why we
Give

"In their plays, God speaks."

"One thing I find so fascinating, which not everyone may know about, is how Saint Luke Productions began: in a spirit of poverty and with Mother Teresa's blessing. My husband and I regularly support them financially and in prayer because we believe their live dramas are a powerful force for evangelization in this country."

- Mary Hatstrup, CA



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for believing in this work!

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