

SAINTS REMEMBRANCE

1994 CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH

They do not forbid images of Christ and the saints. But to make and honor the images of Christ our Lord, of holy and virginal mother, and of the saints, all of whom were clothed with human nature, is not forbidden in this commandment,

*(Thou shalt not make unto thee **any** graven image, or **any likeness** of **any thing** that is in heaven above)* This position is confirmed by the monuments of the Apostolic age. **(No's 2199-2132)**

The Church encourages us to prepare ourselves for the hour of our death. She has prayer, and in the Hail Mary asked the Mother of God to intercede for us "At the hour of our death." And to entrust ourselves to St. Joseph, the patron of a happy death. **(No.1014)**

SCRIPTURES RESPONSE

But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. (Matt 6:7)

As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one (Rom 3:10)

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God (Rom 3:23)

My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: (I John 2:1-2)

How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? And for this cause he is the mediator of the New Testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions... (Heb 9:14-15)

Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. (Heb 7:25)

But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; (Isa 64:6)

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all (Isa 53:6)

*Thou shalt not make unto thee **any** graven image, or **any likeness** of **any thing** that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou **shalt not bow down thyself to them**, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God,(Exod 20:4-5)*

Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the traditions of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. (Col 2:8)

Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, (Col 2:18)

Take ye therefore good heed unto yourselves; Lest ye corrupt yourselves, and make you a graven image, the similitude of any figure, the likeness of male or female, The likeness of any beast that is on the earth, The likeness of any thing that creepeth on the ground: And lest thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou seest the sun, and the moon, and the stars, even all the host of heaven, shouldest be driven to worship and serve them, (Deut 4:15-19)

Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. (Rom 1:22-23)