

of the orthodox fathers, receives and venerates with an equal affection of piety and reverence all the books both of the Old and of the New Testament-seeing that one God is the Author of both ...” [Session 4, April 8, 1546]

**Saint Teresa of Avila** (1515 -1582 AD)

**Canonized in 1622 AD** by Pope Gregory XV.

“Within this majesty I was given knowledge of a truth that is the fulfillment of all truths. I don’t know how to explain this because I didn’t see anything. I was told without seeing anyone, but I clearly understood that it was Truth telling me: ‘This is no small thing I do for you, because it is one of the things for which you owe Me a great deal, for all the harm that comes to the world comes from its not knowing the truths of Scripture in clarity and truth; not one iota of Scripture will fall short.’” [La Vida, ch. 40, #1.]

**Pope Pius 6th** (April 1st 1778 AD)

“BELOVED SON ... you judge exceedingly well, that the faithful should be excited to the reading of the Holy Scriptures .. to be left open to every one, to draw from them purity of morals and of doctrine, to eradicate the errors which are widely disseminated in these corrupt times ... by publishing the sacred writings in the language of your country, suitable to every one’s capacity ...” (See [Photograph at Website](#))

**Pope Leo XIII** [Prov.Deus ( Nov. 18, 1893)]

“The solicitude of the apostolic office naturally urges and even compels us...to desire that this grand source of Catholic revelation (the Bible) should be made safely and abundantly accessible to the flock of Jesus Christ”

“...For sacred Scripture is not like other books. Dictated by the Holy Ghost, it contains things of the deepest importance, which in many instances are most difficult and obscure. To understand

and explain such things there is always required the ‘coming’ of the same Holy Ghost; that is to say, His light and His grace” Granted an indulgence for reading Bible for at least 25 minutes.

**Pope St. Pius X** (1903-1914 AD) “Nothing would please us more than to see our beloved children form the habit of reading the Gospels - not merely from time to time, but every day.”

**Pope Pius XII** 1943 AD

“Our predecessors, when the opportunity occurred, recommended the study or preaching or in fine the pious reading and meditation of the sacred Scriptures. ... ”

**Vatican II** [Dei Verbum, 21. 1965 AD]

“Church has always venerated the Scriptures...”

**Pope John Paul I** August 27, 1978

“... We wish to remind the entire Church that its first duty is that of evangelization. Our Predecessor, Paul VI, presented the directions for this in his memorable document: animated by faith, nourished by the Word of God, and strengthened by the heavenly food of the Eucharist, one should study every way, seek every means ‘in season and out of season’ (2 Tim 4:2), to spread the word, to proclaim the message, to announce that salvation which creates in the soul a restlessness to pursue truth and at the same time offers strength from above.

If all the sons and daughters of the Church would know how to be tireless missionaries of the Gospel, a new flowering of holiness and renewal would spring up in this world that thirsts for love and for truth.

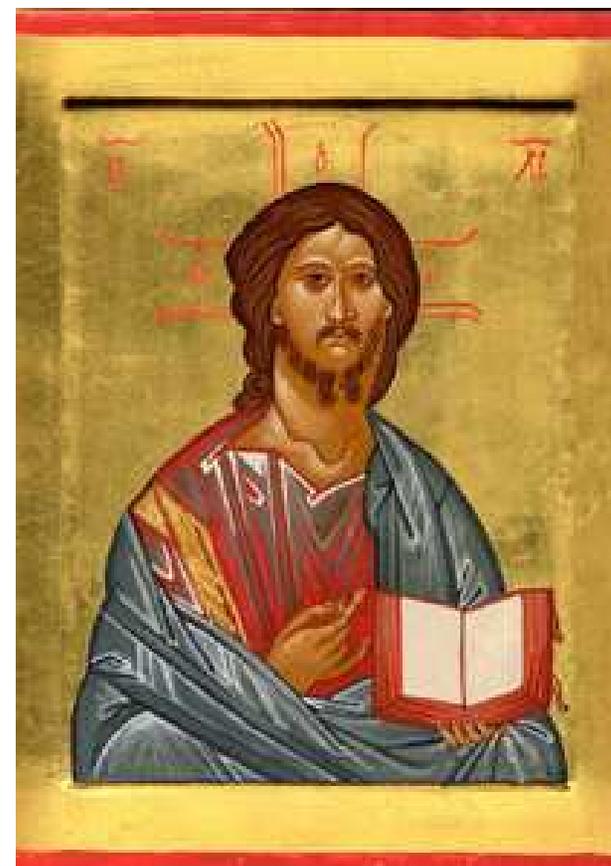
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