

VIRTUE=STRENGTH.



DEDICATION

The strength to be firm on one's direction and purpose.





OPENING PRAYER

Lord, today we want to thank You especially for our Moms.

They are so DEDICATED and virtuous in so many ways.

We need and love our Moms but sometimes we don't **tell them** that or thank them enough for everything that they do for us.

Help us to appreciate the DEDICATION our Moms show us every day.

Does anyone have any prayer intentions? Who wants to lead us in a Hail Mary?



WHAT IS DEDICATION?

The strength to be firm on one's direction and purpose.

It is commitment and effort in pursuing goals, tasks, or beliefs with perseverance and faith.

BIBLE QUOTES

- Colossians 3:23: "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters."
- 1 Corinthians 15:58: "Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."



Commitment to God:

Regular prayer, participation in the sacraments, and living according to the Gospel.

Service to Others:

Following Jesus' command to love one another, engaging in acts of charity and service, and working for justice and peace.

Moral Integrity:

Upholding Catholic teachings in everyday actions and decisions, showing integrity and honesty in all pursuits.

Perseverance:

Continuing steadfastly in faith and duties despite challenges, trusting in God's providence.



MY PURPOSE

God <u>created</u> me to:

Know Him

Love Him

Serve Him in this life

Be happy with Him in the next.

Why did God make me?
God made me to know
Him, to love Him, and to
serve Him in this life, and
be happy with Him in the
next.

Baltimore Catechism, question 6









The weakness to lack interest for one's direction and purpose.

It is not caring and not trying hard when we do things.

Some Examples of Apathy:

- Showing little enthusiasm for prayer, Mass, sacraments, or religious education.
- Putting minimal effort into schoolwork or assignments.
- Showing little concern for the well-being or feelings of others.
- Lack of Goals: Having no clear goals or ambitions for personal growth.
- Passivity: Accepting situations without attempting to change or improve them.





EXAMPLES OF DEDICATION

Academics:

- Reading Regularly: Setting aside time to read books.
- Participating in Class: Actively engaging in classroom activities and discussions.

Sports or Extracurriculars:

- Regular Practice: Attending practices and working hard to improve skills in sports or hobbies.
- Setting Goals: Working towards achieving personal bests or team objectives.

Family and Household:

- Chores and Responsibilities: Completing chores without being reminded and helping out around the house.
- Respecting Family Time: Being present during family meals and spending quality time with siblings and parents.

Faith and Spiritual:

- Prayer and Reflection: Praying regularly and reflecting on personal beliefs and values.
- Attending Church Activities: Participating in Mass, youth group meetings, or volunteering for church events.

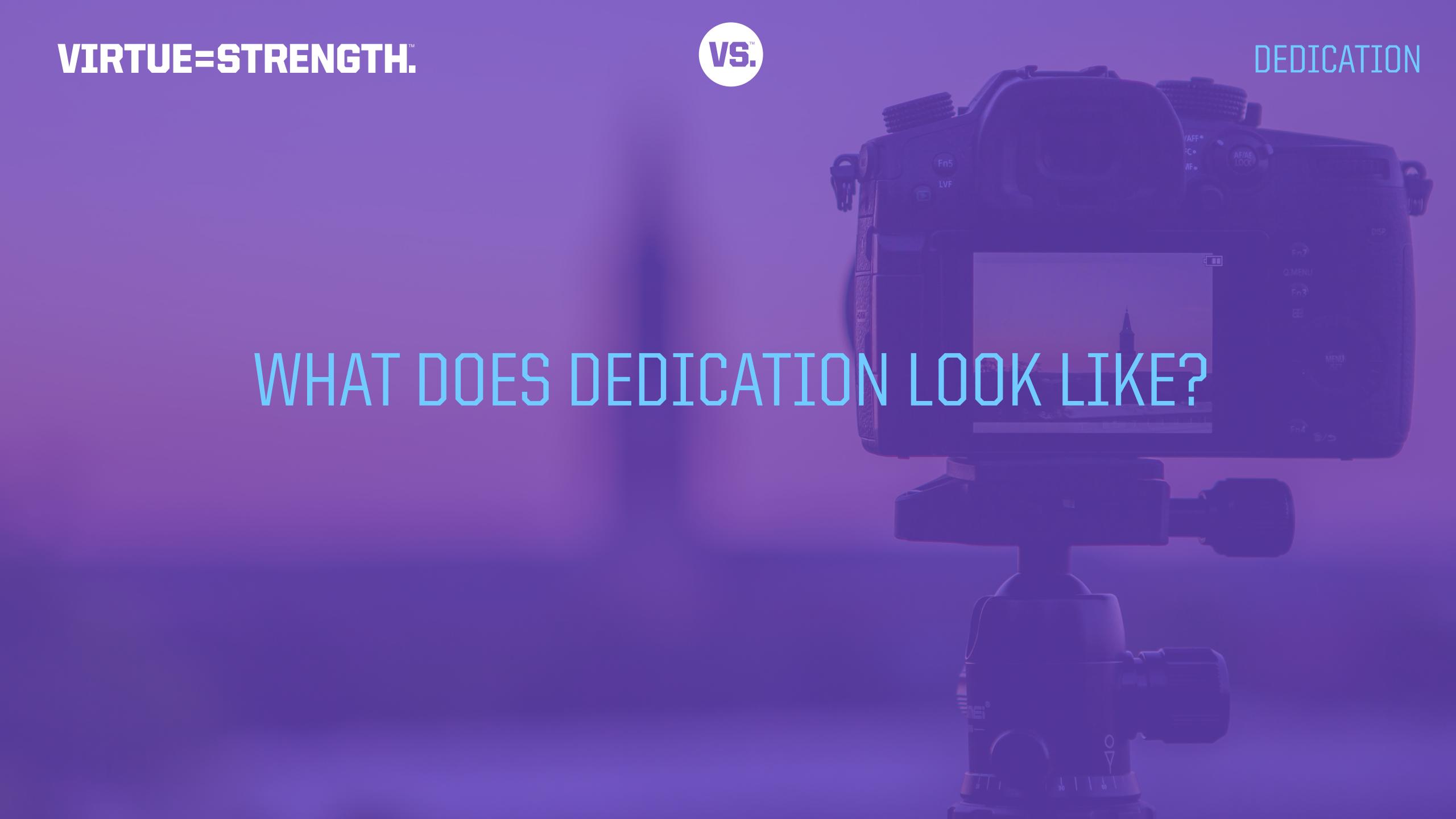


RESOLUTION

WAY TO LIVE THE VIRTUE THIS WEEK

Let's make an extra effort to really focus and concentrate when we are praying.

When the distractions come, keep fighting and striving to pray.





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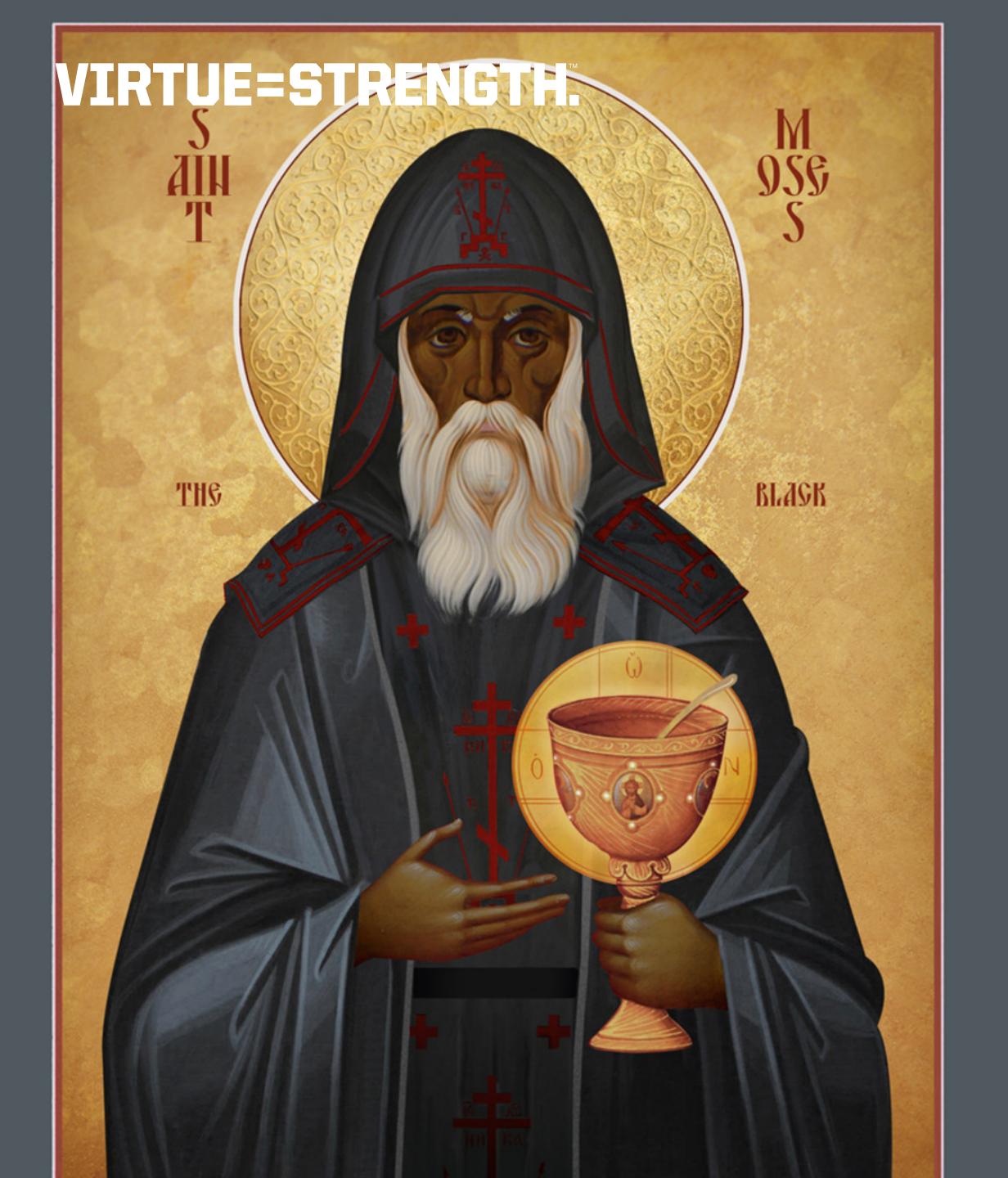
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WHAT DOES DEDICATION SOUND LIKE?



SAINT STORY

ST. MOSES THE BLACK August 28

On one occasion, a barking dog prevented Moses from carrying out a robbery, so he swore vengeance on the owner.

Weapons in his mouth, Moses swam the river toward the owner's hut. The owner, again alerted, hid, and the frustrated Moses took some of his sheep to slaughter. Attempting to hide from local authorities, he took shelter with some monks in a colony in the desert of Wadi El Natrun, then called Scetes, near Alexandria.

The dedication of their lives, as well as their peace and contentment, **influenced** Moses deeply. He soon gave up his old way of life, became a Christian, was baptized and joined the monastic community at Scetes.

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SMALL GROUP DIFFICULT SITUATION DISCUSSION

Your team is playing in a tournament over the weekend out of town.

You **need/should** to go to Sunday Mass at 9 AM Mass because that is the only Mass there that day.

The first game is also at 9 AM.

What do you do?

How do you tell your Coach?

Do you invite your teammates?



Luke 23: 39-43

One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at Him:

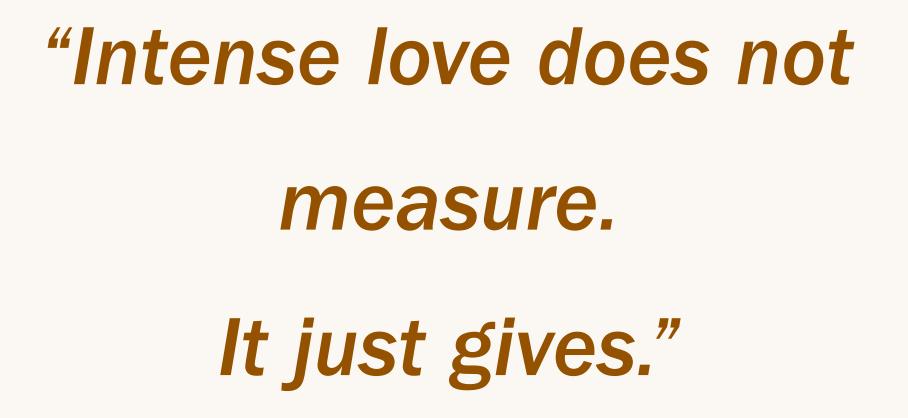
"Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence?

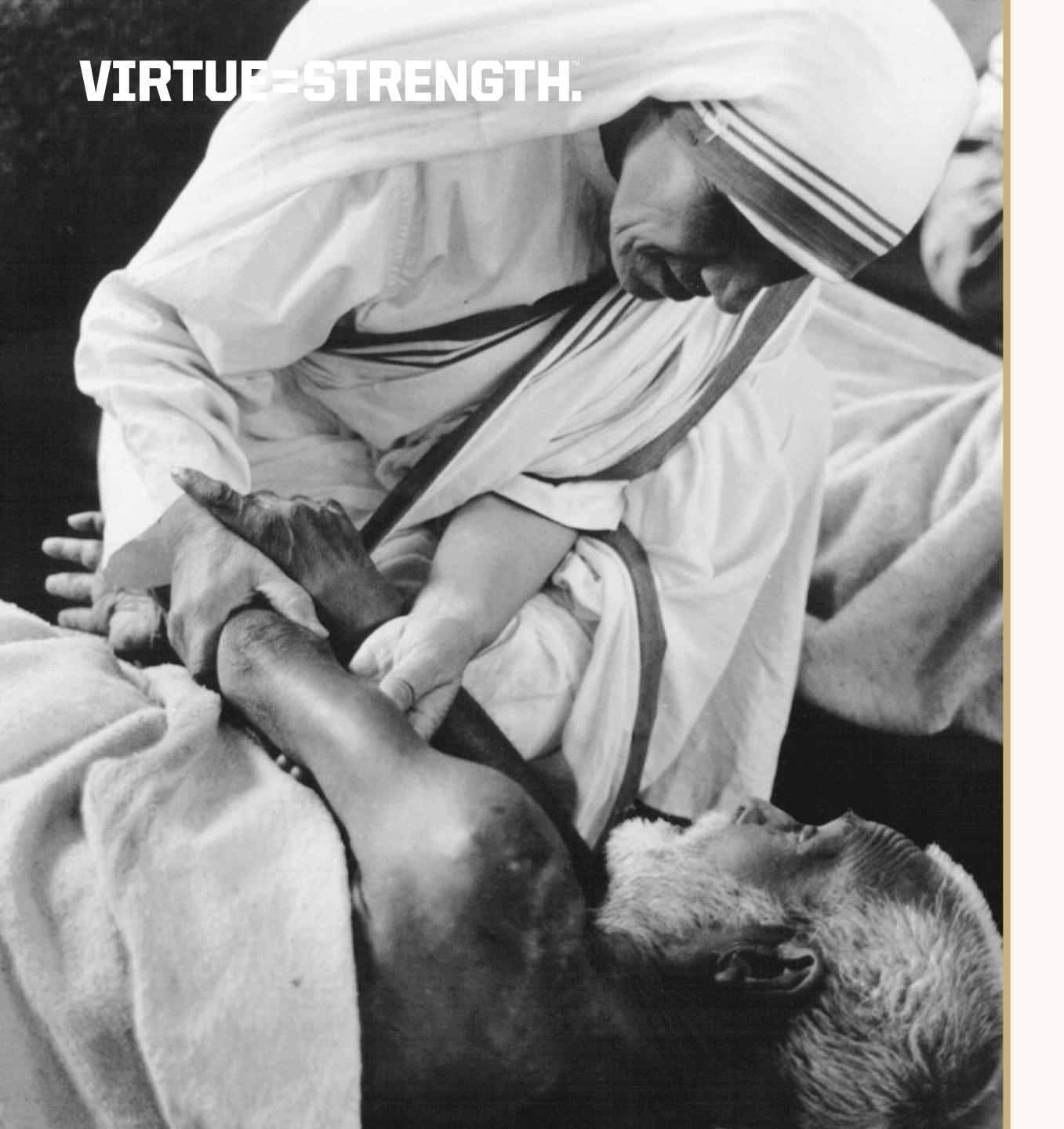
We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong."

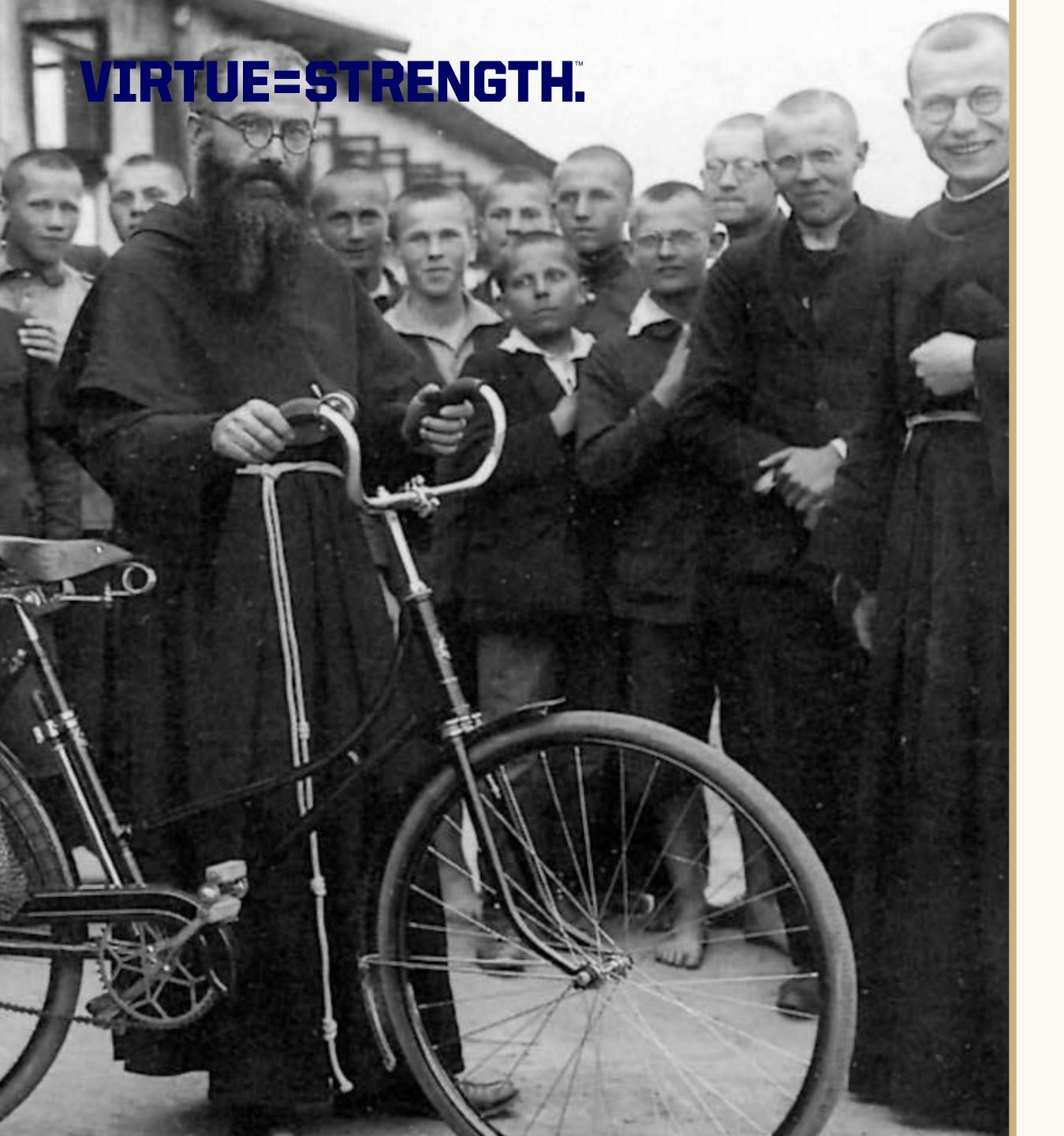
Then he said, "Jesus, **remember me** when you come into your kingdom."

Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."



- St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta





"God sends us friends to be our firm support in the whirlpool of struggle.

In the company of friends we will find strength to attain our sublime ideal."

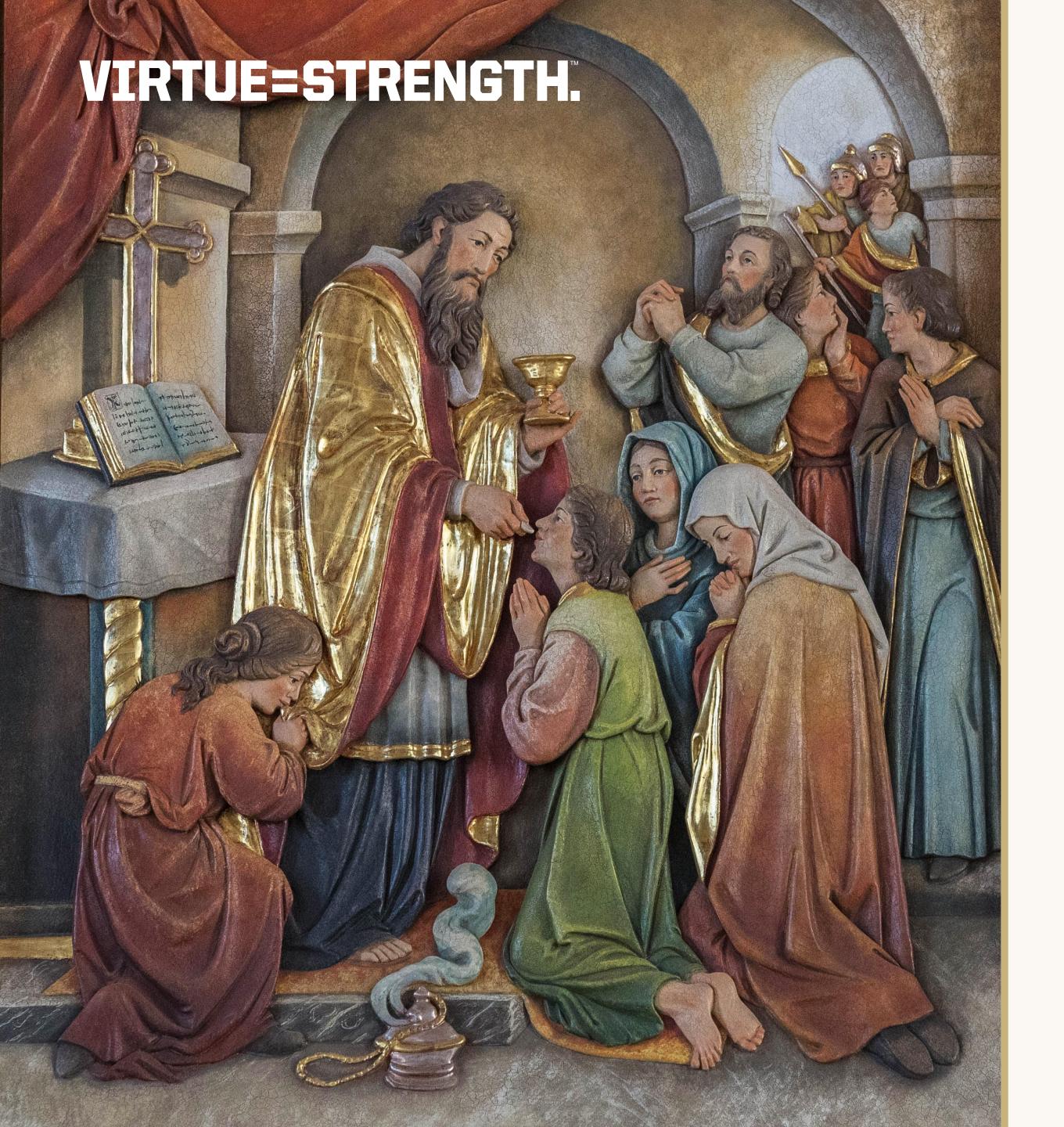
- St. Maximilian Kolbe



"Pray as through everything depended on God.

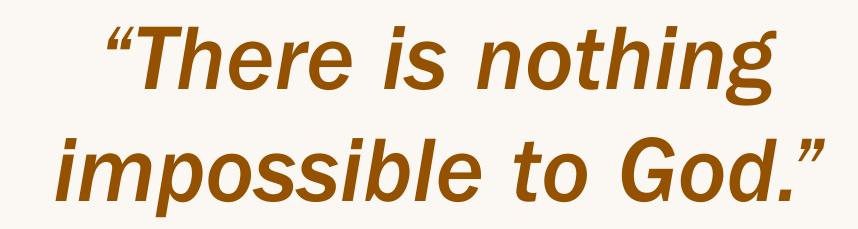
Work as though everything depended on you."

- St. Augustine

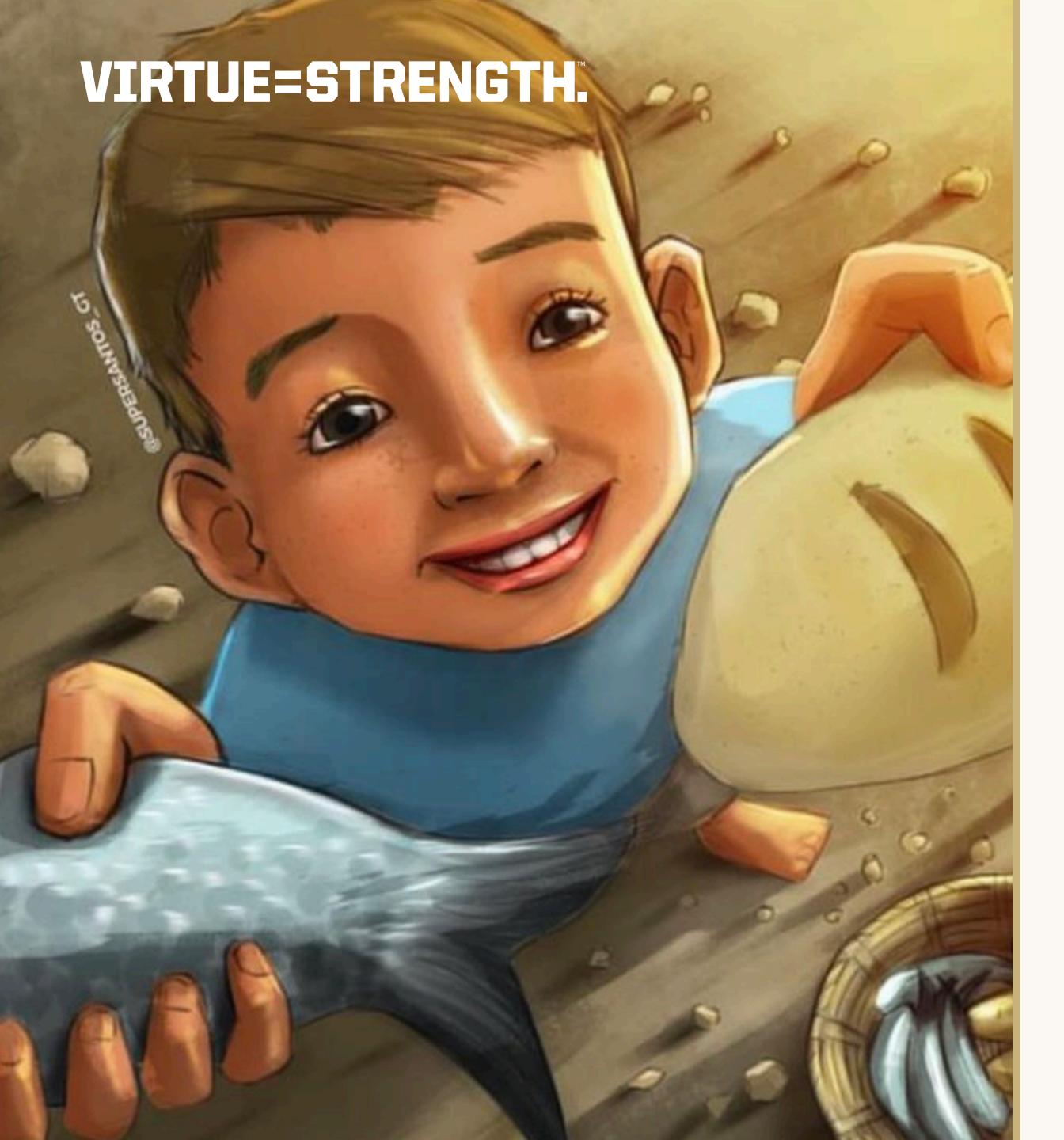


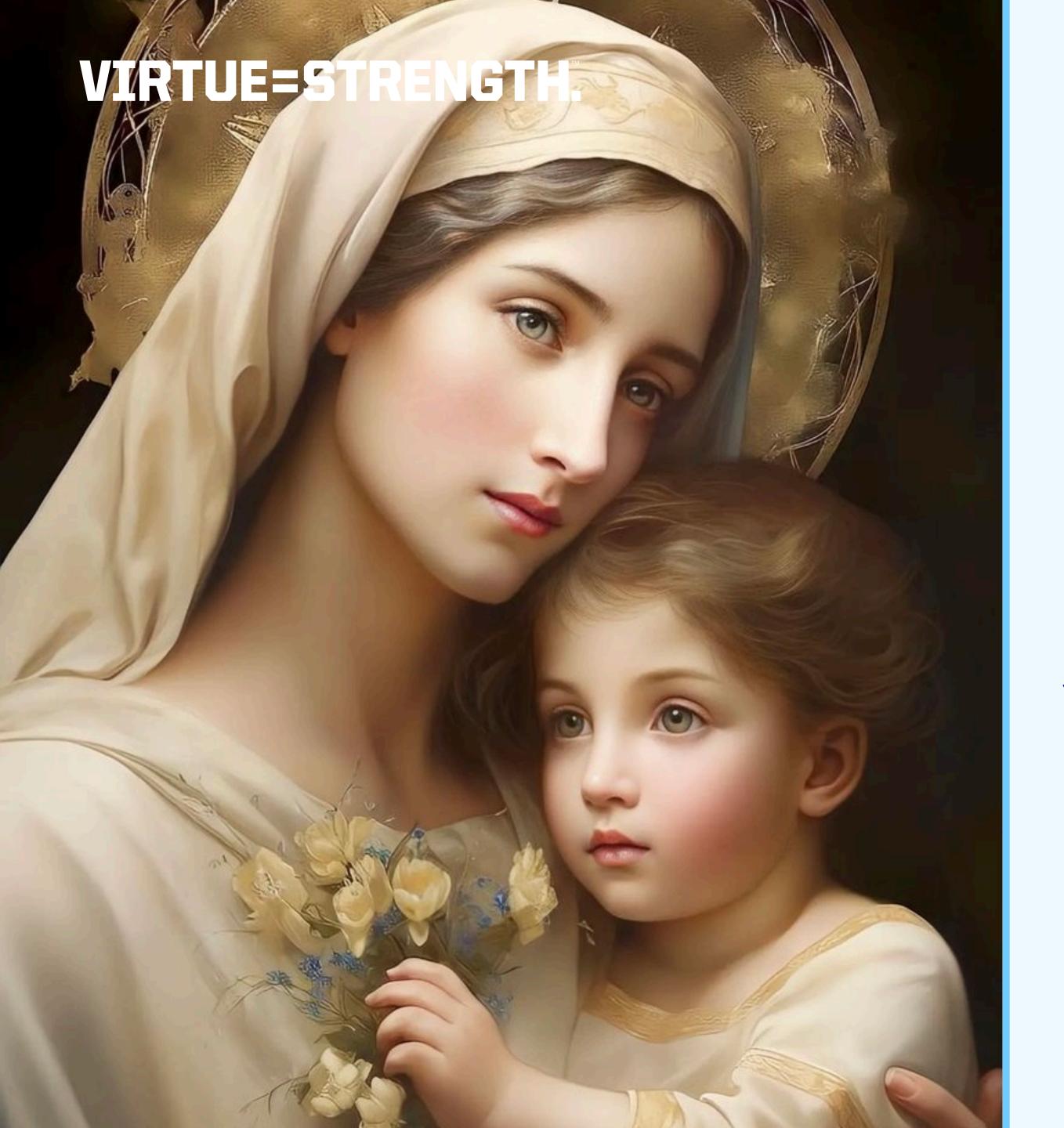
"Sin makes man a coward; but a life in the Truth of Christ makes him bold."

- St. John Chrysostom



- St. Rita





CLOSING PRAYER

Lord, we thank You for the wonderful gift of our Blessed Mother Mary.

She was so DEDICATED to You and to all of us.

She is a wonderful Mother, our Spiritual Mother in Heaven.

May we love her as You loved her.

Amen.

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Apathy and laziness can slow us down like trying to walk through a deep puddle of mud.

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STUDENT LEADER VIRTUE AWARD DEDICATION

This certifies that

Helped lead our school with their virtuous example.

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