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## "Give me a I N T"

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We need to bring pride and enthusiasm back to being followers of Christ. Look at the amount of time, effort, and money being expended in selling Amway, Tupperware, get rich quick programs, and real estate, just to mention a few. They convince their associates of the necessity of their products and programs through pride and enthusiasm in their sales meetings and seminars. To see educated successful adults jumping, yelling, and clapping in a general sense of hysteria and feeling a sense of rebirth in a man-made product is totally baffling.

They whip themselves into a frenzy over what they are told to believe in. No evidence is needed for their faith, just enough convincing to make themselves believe, then just go out and try to convince others to believe as they do. This secular mass-marketing cult mentality is frightening!

We as Christians have the truth and evidence necessary for faith, yet we do nothing with it. We don't have to try to convince people that your product is better, will clean whiter, won't give you a rash, or be worth more in ten years. The Saints have NO competition! They are the saintly examples of total spirituality and virtue, which have no equal. Their value in our lives is invaluable, the ultimate exemplary life of faith and holy perseverance for all mankind.

We, as Catholics, do not clap, yell, cheer, or whip ourselves into a frenzy over Christ and His Church. We are afraid of being called "Jesus freaks," or worse, "he's really a religious nut." We who follow the magisterium and the teachings of the Orthodox Churches should not be silenced by the actions of the extreme Christian factions. The right arm does not go limp because the left arm is injured. We Christians who love our brothers and sisters in Heaven should fight to keep the Saints alive in the hearts and the minds of all, Christian and non-Christian alike.

Over zealous telemarketers and door-to-door merchants, do not care if you are Christian, Jewish, Afro-American, or Caucasian. That would be racism and prejudice. Why should it be any different for the lives and legends of the saints? If we do not evangelize the saints to all, are we to be accused of religious indifference? In a letter written by Edmund Burke to William Smith in 1795 he wrote; "Nothing is so fatal to religion as indifference, which is at least, half infidelity." WE should have greater enthusiasm and pride than the people selling just another variation of laundry soap!

Let's give a CHEER for our intercessors in Heaven!