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 - **April 27, 2014 - Pope Francis To “Canonize” Pope John Paul II & Pope John XXIII**
 - **Heralded As A Major Historical Event Because Two Living Popes (Francis & the retired Benedict XVI) Both Involved In The Declaration Of Two Dead Popes**

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 - **Philippians 4:21** - “*Salute every saint in Christ Jesus...*” (*They weren’t dead!*)
 - **Acts 9:13** - Ananias Had Heard Of The Evil That Saul Had Done “*to the saints at Jerusalem.*” (**cp. Acts 26:10**)
 - **Acts 9:32** - Peter Went Down To “*the saints at Lydda.*”

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 - **Romans 1:7** - *“To all who are in Rome, beloved of God, called saints.” (They weren’t dead -- they could read letters)*
 - **Romans 12:13** - *“Distributing to the necessity of the saints...” (Dead people don’t have physical needs.)*
 - See also **Romans 15:25, 26, 31; 2 Cor. 9:12**

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- **The Papacy Is The Office & Tenure Of The “Pope” - A Specially Qualified Man Who Is Appointed As The Earthly Head Of The Catholic Church**
 - Sometimes Called The “Vicar” Of Christ On Earth (“in the place of” Christ)
 - The Bible Teaches That Christ Is *The Only* “Head” Of The Church **(Eph. 1:22,23; 5:23)**
 - The Church Has No “Earthly” Head
 - The Church Has No Universal Organization
 - Peter Was No Pope! **(Matt. 8:14; 1 Cor. 9:5)**

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- **Papal Infallibility Is The Notion That The Pope Cannot Err When He Speaks “Ex Cathedra” (From The Latin, “From The Seat”)**
 - **Papal Infallibility Was First Assumed By Pius IX, In 1870**
 - **The Bible Teaches That Jesus Has “All Authority” (Matthew 28:18; 7:28, 29)**
 - **Humans Possess No Such Authority And Must Appeal To Christ’s Authority (1 Cor. 1:10; Col. 3:17; Jn. 12:48; 1 Pet. 4:11)**

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- **Transubstantiation Is The Act By Which The Bread And Wine Of The Eucharist Are (Allegedly) Transformed Into The Body And Blood Of Christ**

“In the Eucharist the Body and Blood of the God-man are truly, really, and substantially present for the nourishment of our souls, by reason of the transubstantiation of the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ, and that in this change of substances the unbloody Sacrifice of the New Testament is also contained.”

Catholic Encyclopedia, Volume V

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 - The Bible Teaches That The “Bread” (“Unleavened Bread” - **Matt. 26:26 + 17**) And The “Cup” (“Fruit of the Vine” - **Matt. 26:27 + 29**) Are Intended To Represent, **NOT Replicate** The Body And Blood Of Christ
 - See **1 Corinthians 10:16 & 11:23-25**

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- **An Indulgence Is “A Remission Of The Temporal Punishment Due To Sin, The Guilt Of Which Has Been Forgiven.”**
(Catholic Encyclopedia)
- **Modern Catholics Reject The Notion That Indulgences Can Be Sold As A Permission To Sin Or As A Pardon Of Future Sins**
- **“It is not a permission to commit sin; nor a pardon of future sin; neither could be granted by any power... Least of all is as indulgence the purchase of a pardon which secures the buyer’s salvation or releases the soul of another from purgatory.” (C.E.)**

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- **Power of the Keys Is Derived From Christ's Words To Peter (Matt. 16:19) (Catholic Encyclopedia)**
- **Matthew 16:19** - *"I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."*
- **Combined With John 20:23, The Keys Passage Is Cited As Proof Of The Church's Power To Forgive Sins**

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- **Absolution Is An Act Of The Priest Whereby He Frees Man From Sin (Matt. 16:19 Is Linked With John 20:23)**
- **John 20:22-23** - *“And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.’”*
- **The “Breathing” By Jesus Was Indicative Of The Outpouring Of The Spirit In Acts 2**

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- **The Power Of The Apostles To Forgive Sins Was NOT IN THEMSELVES (Acts 3:12), But In Their Gospel Message (Luke 24:47; Acts 2:37-38; Acts 10:43)**
- **NOTE: The Binding & Loosing Power Of Matthew 16:19 Was Later Extended To ALL Apostles (Matt. 18:18)**
- **Peter Was Unique Only In That His Sermon Was The One That Was Recorded (Acts 2)**

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- **Penance Is The Process By Which Forgiveness Is Obtained For Sins After Baptism (sometimes called confession)**
- **Called The “Sacrament” Of Penance Because It Involves “Outward Signs”:**
 - **Presenting Oneself To The Priest**
 - **Accusing Oneself Of His Sins (auricular confession)**
 - **Absolution Pronounced By The Priest**
 - **Acts Of Penance Or “Satisfaction” Imposed By The Priest (some duty)**

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- **Catholics Teach That After Absolution By The Bishop Or Priest, There Remains Some Indebtedness To Divine Justice That Must Be Repaid**
- **Usually Alms Deeds, Fasting Or Prayers**
- **Sometimes Visits To The Church**
- **Catholics Cite **Gen. 3:17; 2 Sam. 12:13-14; Num. 20:12; 1 Cor. 11:32** As Proof Of “Penance”**