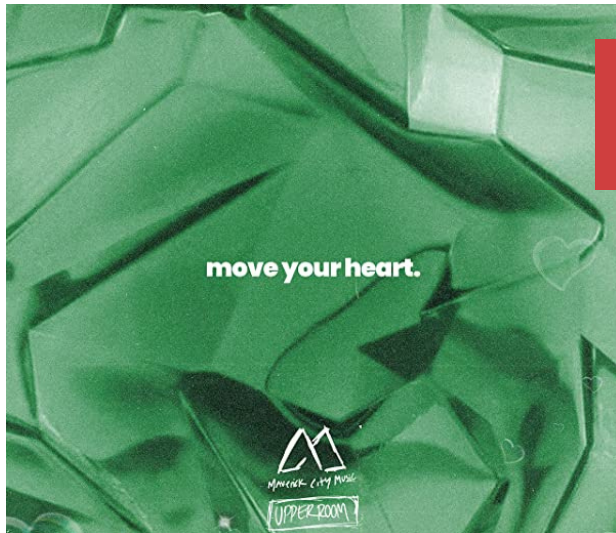


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*Seeing The Work of the Divine Artist & Embracing Catholic Living*

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## PRAAYER IN SONG

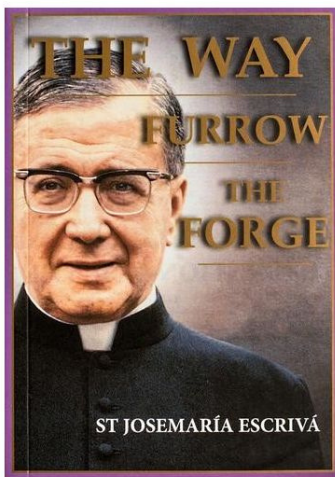
### *Move Your Heart by Maverick City Music*

*This song has blasted through my car radio for months, whether its early morning drives to work beginning the day with praise or late night drives on backroads. Once you experience the real love the Lord has for you personally in a real way, you can't help but stand in awe. This awe stirring within causes us to give Him something in return for His goodness. This song brings this desire into words, where we desire to give him everything to please Him without reserve and shame: our being, our hours, our days, our gifts, our attention. Through all of this in song, the Lord responds that His heart is just moved by you being who you are meant to be: His Son or Daughter. You blow Him away just being yourself before Him, without a show or a mask. His love sinks deep within the depths of your heart. He is asking to tear down the walls within it with your surrender, with your cries to Him.*

## TRUTH IN PODCAST

### *Podcast: The Vagabond Missions Podcast*

*After having several people asking me about Vagabond Missions, this ministry coming to Mobile very soon, my words always fall short of expressing the beautiful work they do. Knowing this ministry well and those who have formed it within the streets of Steubenville and Pittsburgh, the fruits of it best come from individual stories and encounters. This podcast of short stories gives firsthand witnesses of how the Lord has used this ministry not only to affect the hearts of inner city teens, but also the hearts of the missionary teams themselves. Hear from founder Bob Lesnfsky, his team, and past teens of their journey and glory stories from the beginnngs of Vagabond to now. This podcast will help you to see th beauty of this mission that will be coming to us this summer through the leadership of Mobile locals Lauren Alley and Anthony Tobin. You can support this mission .learn more, or get involved at [vagabondmissionsmobile.com](http://vagabondmissionsmobile.com).*



## WISDOM IN WORDS

### *Book: the Way by St. Josemaría Escrivá*

*Are you not much of a reader? Do you struggle to sit down and read a book from beginning to end? Fr. Josemaría wants to take away this burden and give you some short yet profound spiritual food! His three short books combined in this one volume is a survey of topics that comes up during our lives: different virtues, work, friendship, tribulation, and pessimism to name just a few. This wise saint whose feast falls on the 26th of this month wants you to use this book as a source of stirring into flame small meditations on a topic you are interested in within day to day life, especially while at work in the model of His religious organization of Opus Dei. These short one-liner quotes will cause you to think, clarify the actions you need to take in life, or make just leave you in shock or in awe (as I like to call a little smack to the face out of love). This little book will follow you throughout your life. It will find a nice place on reserve near your beside, coffee table, or your daily work tote/briefcase for when the time is right.*



## BEAUTY OF EXAMPLE

### *Servant of God Chiara Corbella Petrillo*

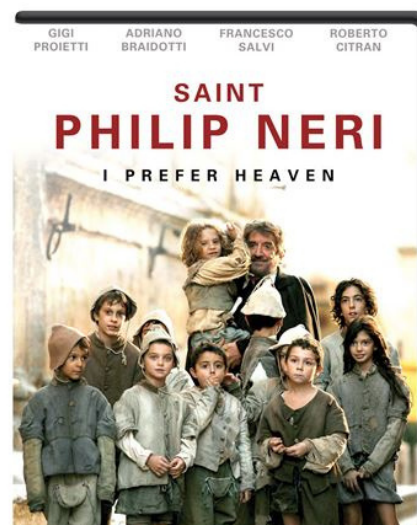
*"What God wants for us is so much more beautiful than anything we could ever ask for with our imagination."*

*This 28 year old Italian woman that died June 13, 2012 I have chosen to highlight this month upon the anniversary of her death. Her witness needs to be shared. When you look at her, you can't help, but be overwhelmed by her beauty and the joy that came forth from her very being at every moment. What you wouldn't expect is that she experienced a great amount of suffering in her life, with two of her children dying within her arms just hours after birth due to deformities. She and her husband speak of the unspeakable joy and gift they found in these moments, and glorified their lives as a gift from the Lord, even playing music together at both of their funerals. They speak against the temptation of the children that they deserved, but the children the Lord blessed them with. Upon giving birth for a third time with their healthy son, she became aware of her cancer diagnosis that was terminal, yet she did not see this as an obstacle. She peacefully accepted the Lord's will for her life with joy and laughter coming from her hospital room for months until her last breath was taken. Although she let Enrico widowed with their son Francesco, He says "If she is going to be with Someone who loves her more than I, why should I be upset?" Pope Francis has opened the cause for her canonization in 2017 upon the anniversary of her death, giving her the title of Servant of God. You can pray for her canonization and intercession in times of trial and difficulty, especially with terminal illness and difficulties with pregnancy.*

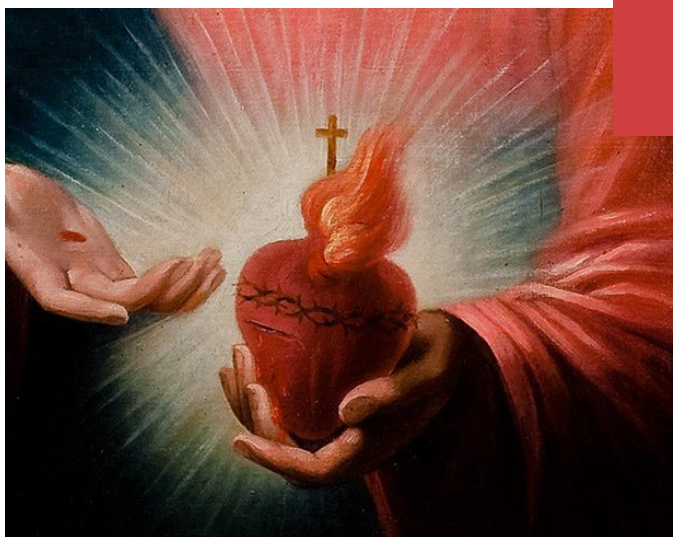
## CINEMA SPEAKS

### *Saint Philip Neri: I Prefer Heaven*

*I recently came across this 3 hour long filmed released by Ignatius Press about our lovely patron St. Philip Neri. This film in his native Italian language with English subtitles brings to life before your eyes his heart, his mission, his trials and tribulations, his love for the poor, and his time in the confessional feeding his flock that he did with joy and a laughter. There was never a dull moment with Filippo Neri! Sadly, there is some use of vulgar language by the impoverished within this film which makes it fit for the adult audience rather than the whole family. I was left crying upon finishing this movie and the final message he leaves with us. You can purchase this movie online to watch.*



## SACRE COEUR



*This month of June, the Catholic Church is dedicated to growing in intimacy with the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This devotion allows us to capture the great mystery of God, that He would send His only Son to love us intimately with His human heart. His love for us is not distant, but is close and burning with desire for us to come to Him and acknowledge that love. We have a God who is not removed as a clock God granting wishes upon the sights of fate. He is a person that waits to meet you, to get know you, to speak with you, to know your heart. When we acknowledge Him and even rest with Him for a single second, we allow for an exchange of hearts. During this month, let us return with a greater love to the heart of God. His charity for the world is beyond our imagination. I invite you daily to pray the Litany of the Sacred Heart, place a picture of His heart as your background on your phone, or even make a centerpiece of His heart somewhere within your home where you can admire the love He has for you.*