



***Touched by Holiness:
The Mystery and
Meaning of Relics***

**St. Anthony on the Lake
THE EMERITUS GROUP
October 18, 2026**





CONSIDER:

**What personal items are
most valuable to you?
What makes them valuable?**



reliquiae
“Remains”

Relinquere
“Left behind”

1st Class Relic

Bodily remains of a Saint (blood, bone, hair)



2nd Class Relic

Clothing or personal belonging of a Saint (tunic, prayer book, rosary)



3rd Class Relic

Object touched by a 1st or 2nd class relic





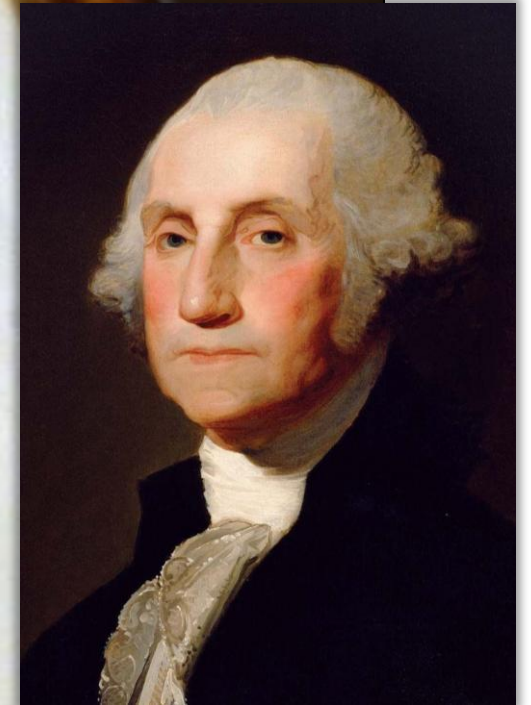
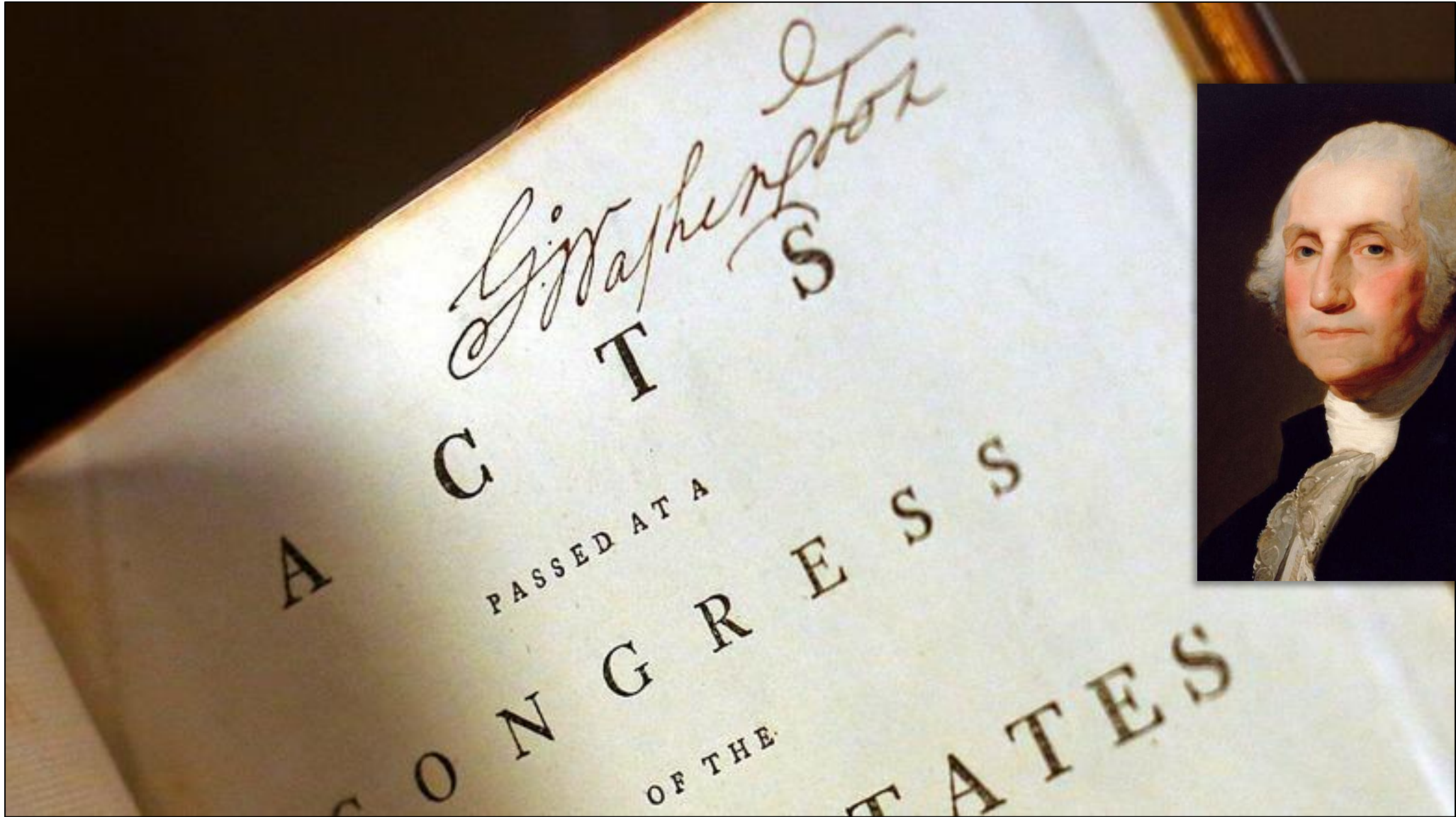
Stone of Anointing

Church of the Holy Sepulcher – Jerusalem



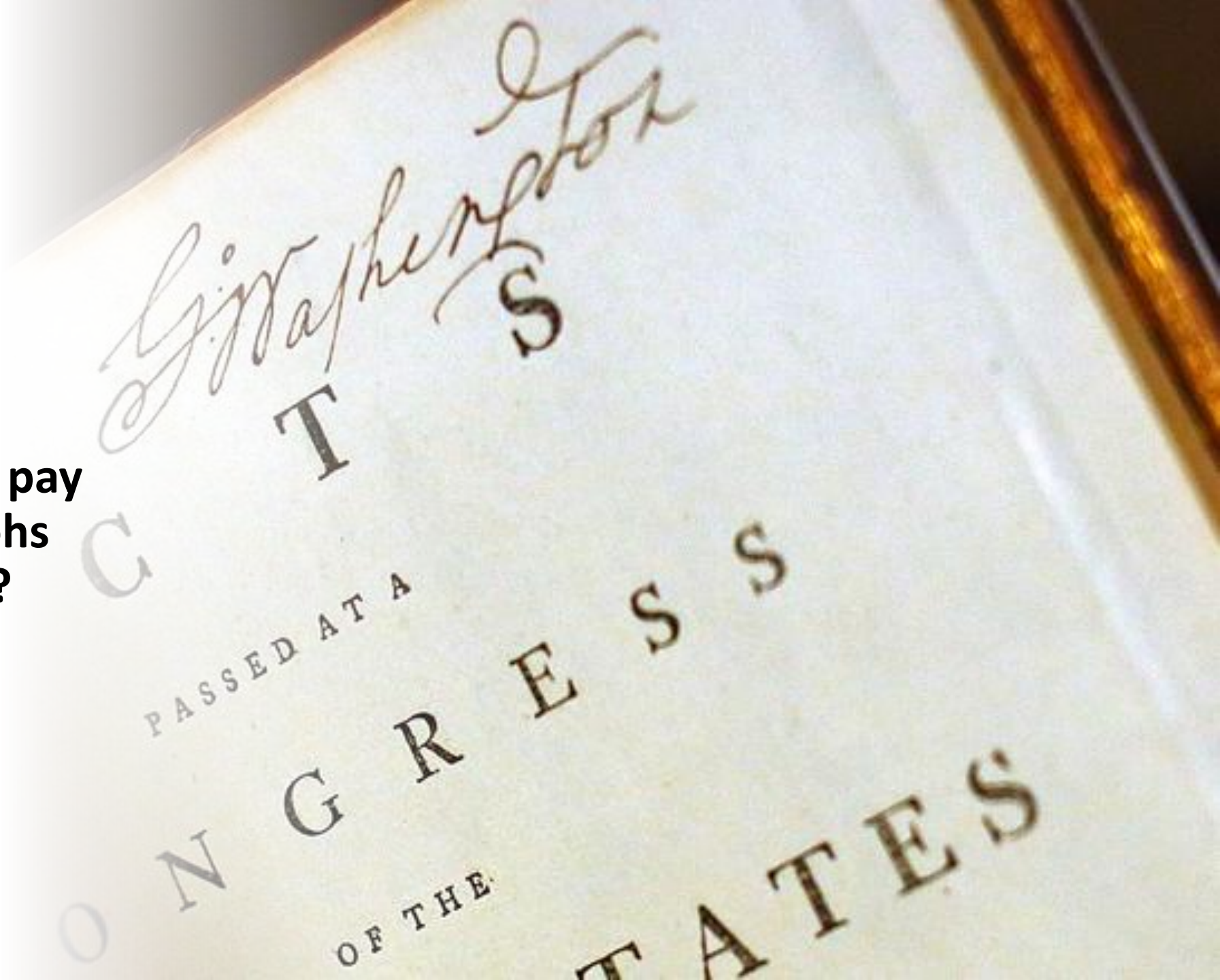


What's the most expensive autograph in history?



CONSIDER:

Why would someone pay
money for autographs
of famous people?



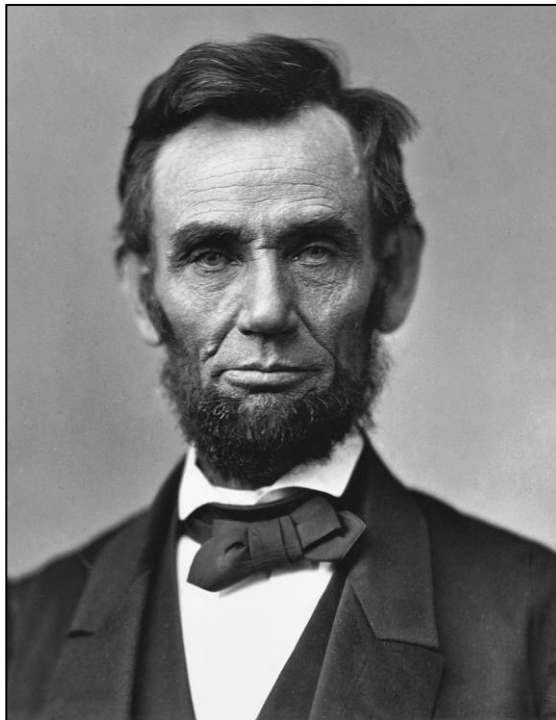
2.) SHAKESPEARE

\$5-10 million



3.) LINCOLN

\$3.7 million



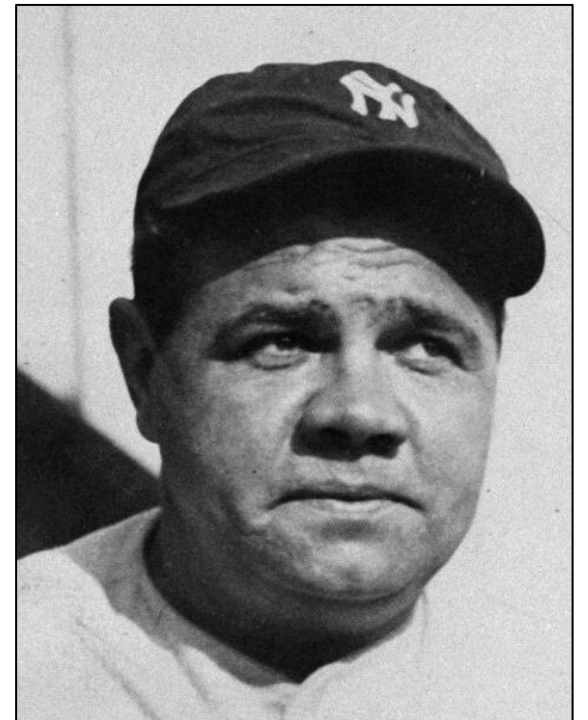
4.) JOHN LENNON

\$2.1 million



5.) BABE RUTH

\$400K



1st Class Relic of Bl. Fulton Sheen

Jawbone



*“Moses took **the bones of Joseph** with him because Joseph had made the Israelites swear an oath. He had said, ‘God will surely come to your aid, and then you must carry my bones up with you from this place.’”*

-- Exodus 13:19



*“Once, while some Israelites were burying a man, suddenly they saw a band of raiders; so, they threw the man’s body into Elisha’s tomb. When the body **touched Elisha’s bones**, the man came to life and stood up on his feet.”*

-- 2 Kings 13:21



*“Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak. She said to herself, ‘**If I only touch his cloak,** I will be healed.’”*

-- Matthew 9:20-21



*“God did extraordinary miracles through Paul, so that even **handkerchiefs and aprons that had touched him** were taken to the sick, and their illnesses were cured and the evil spirits left them.”*

-- Acts 19:11-12





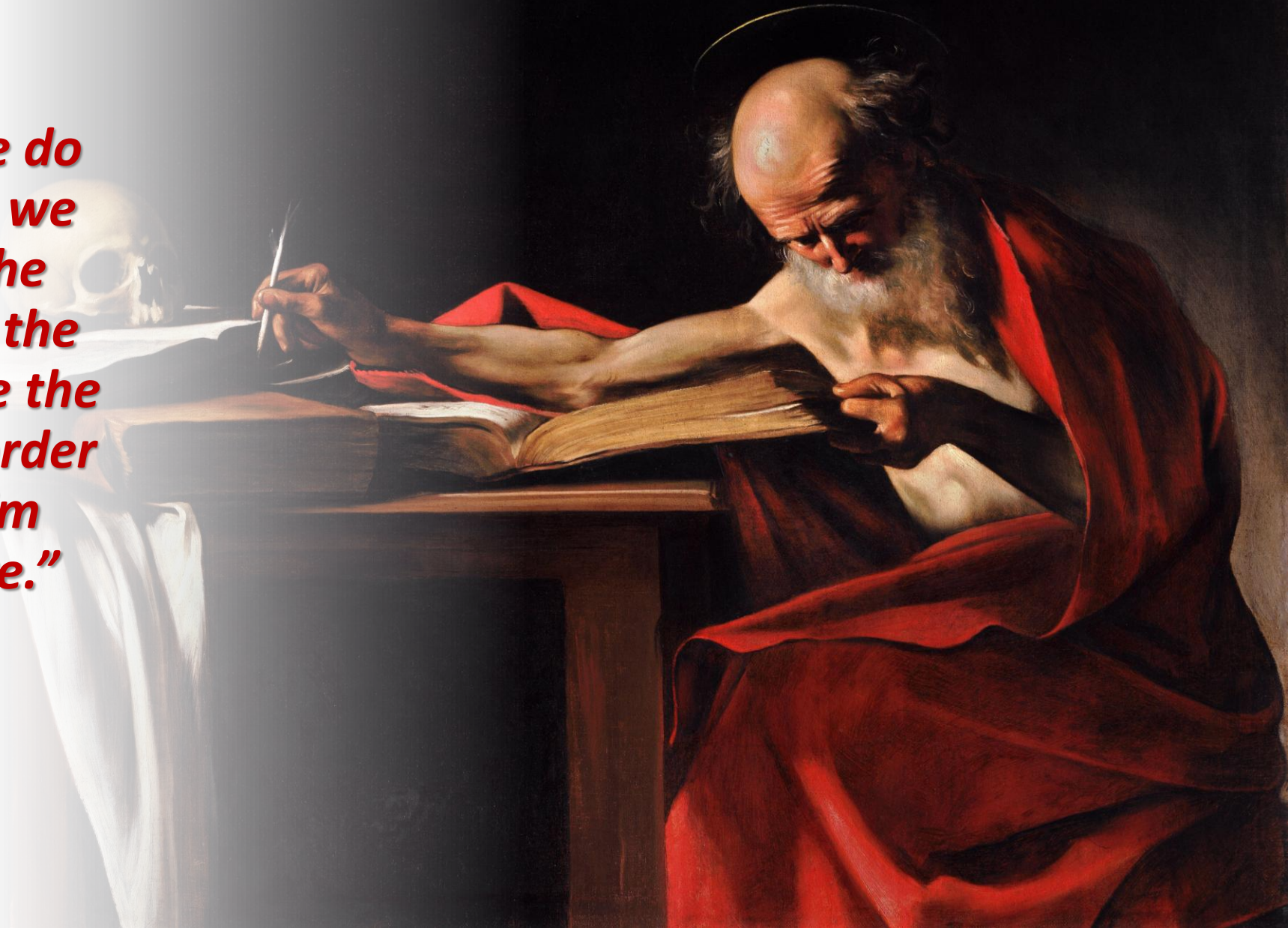
Early Church Martyrs

Christianity is Real

God Uses Physical Signs

“We do not worship, we do not adore, for fear that we should bow down to the creature rather than to the Creator, but we venerate the relics of the martyrs in order the better to adore Him whose martyrs they are.”

-- St. Jerome





CONSIDER:

**How can relics serve
to increase your faith?**



LET'S PRAY:

Oh, Saints of God, in faith and confidence I turn to you. These relics call to mind your lives of virtue; your lives dedicated to the love of Christ and of His holy Gospel.

I pray that you ask our loving Father to assist me, to help me find the path to holiness as you did.

Amen.



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**THANKS FOR BEING HERE!
Our next meeting is
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1**