

***St. Francis of Assisi:
Make Me a Channel
of Your Peace***

**St. Anthony on the Lake Parish
Tuesday, September 29, 2026**

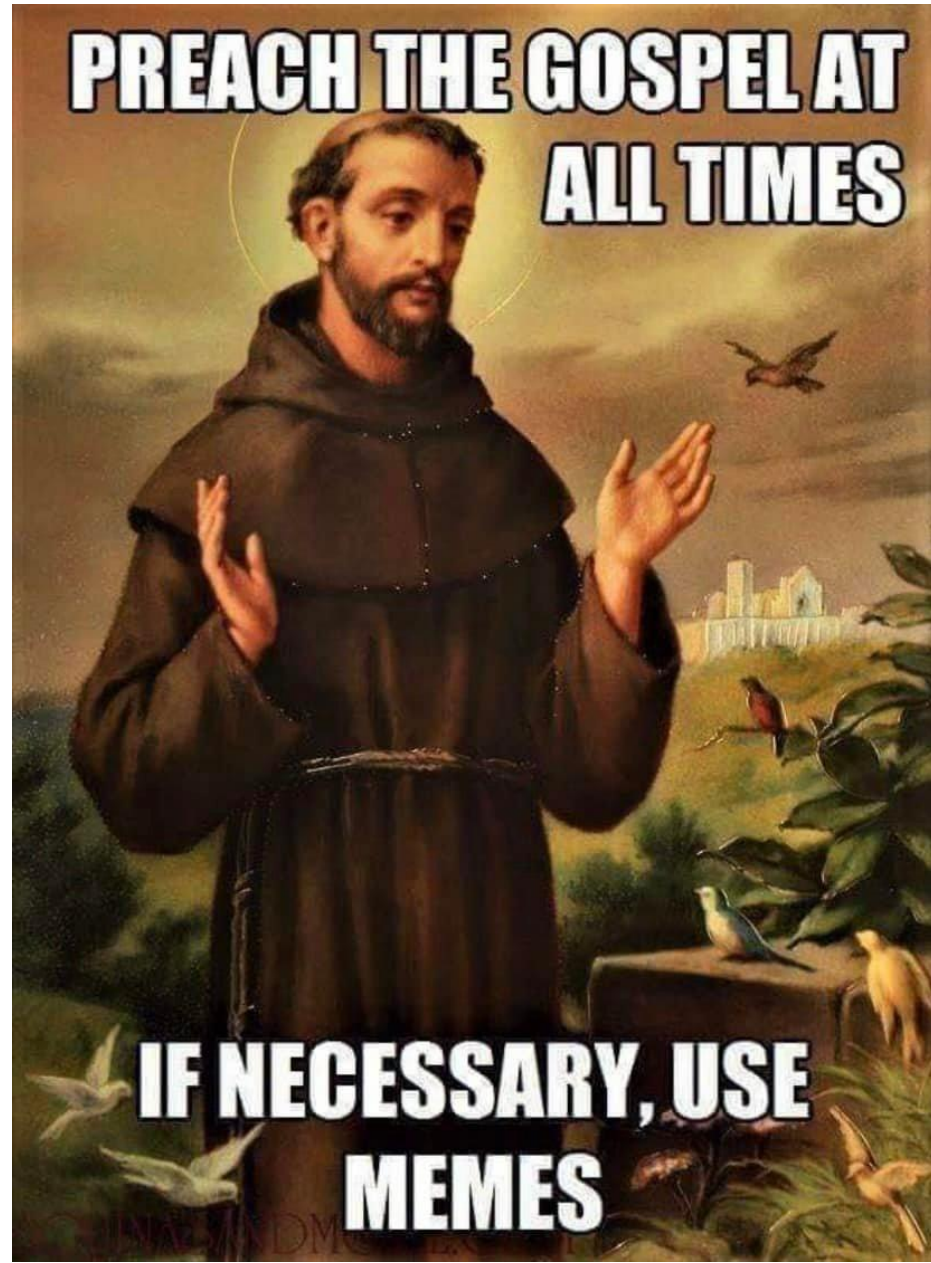


**THE PATRON SAINT
OF COPYING PEOPLE
ON EMAIL IS**



ST FRANCIS OF A CC

**PREACH THE GOSPEL AT
ALL TIMES**



**IF NECESSARY, USE
MEMES**

MODELS OF HOLINESS



WITNESSES OF PEACE
THE YEAR OF ST. FRANCIS



Lord, make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred let me bring your love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
And where there's doubt, faith.

Oh, Master grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
And where there's sadness, joy.

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
It is in giving that we receive;
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Amen



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of Your Peace***

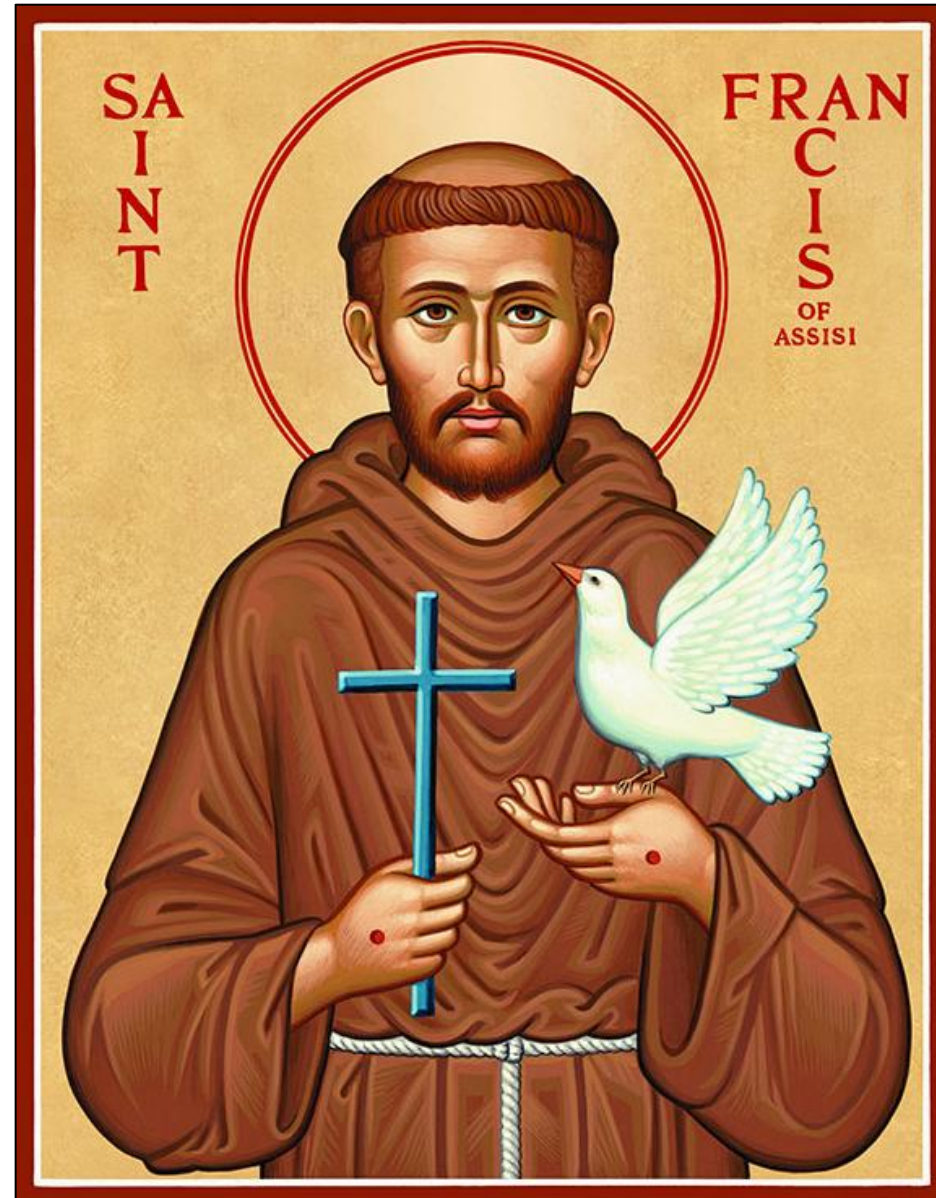


Make Me...



St. Francis of Assisi

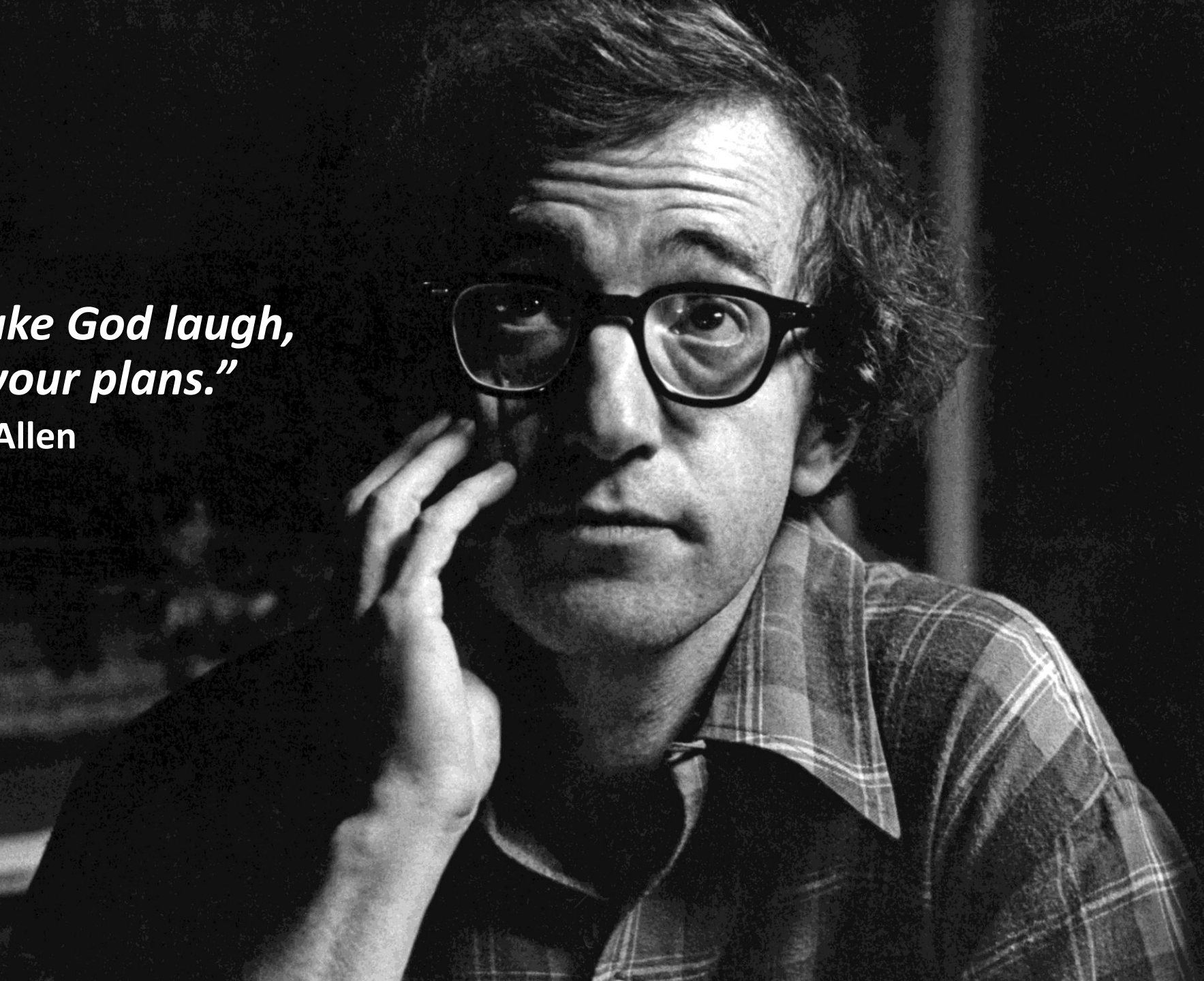
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***“If you want to make God laugh,
tell Him about your plans.”***

-- Woody Allen



REFLECT:

**Did anything unexpected
happen to you this Summer?**

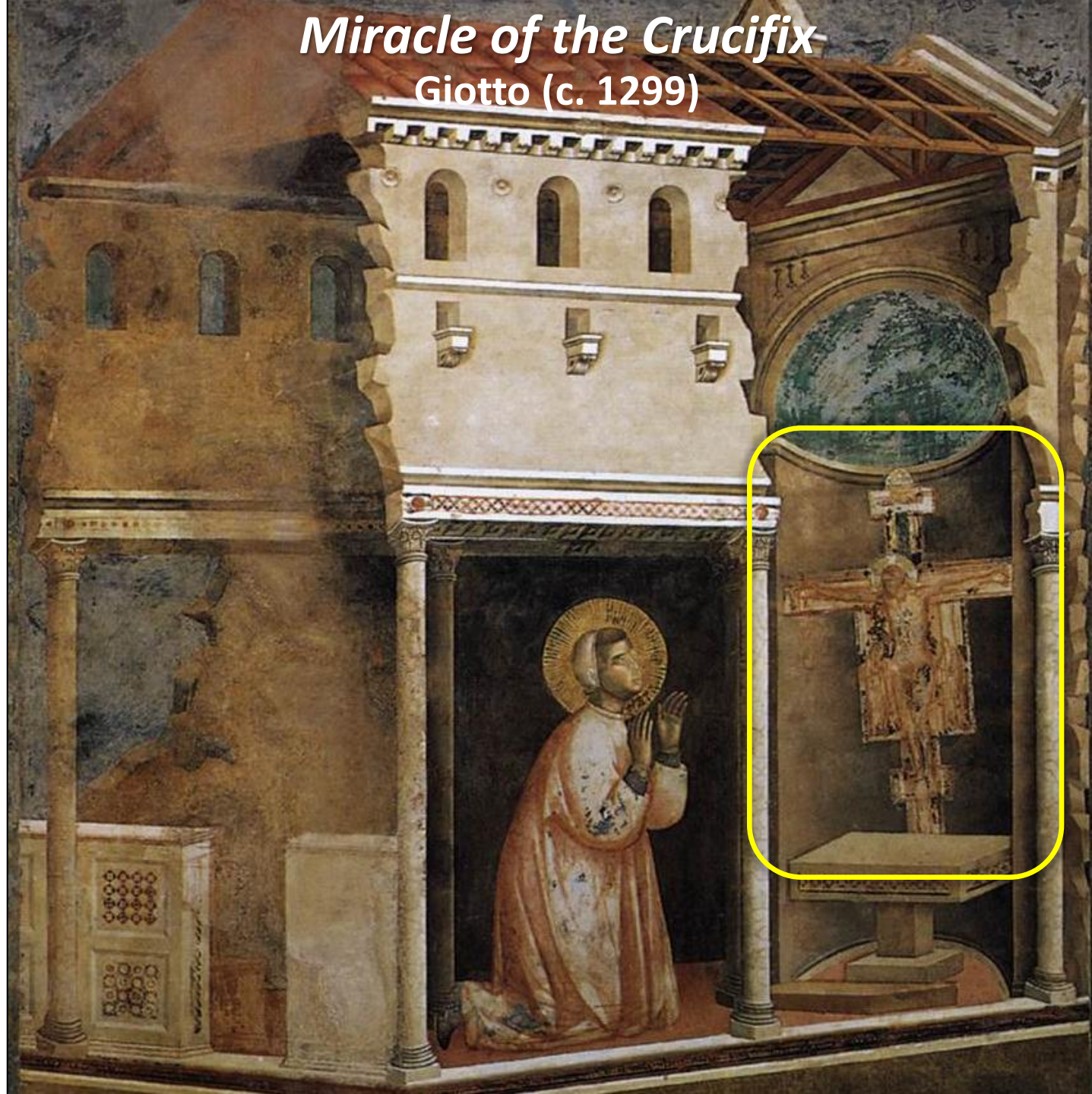






Miracle of the Crucifix

Giotto (c. 1299)





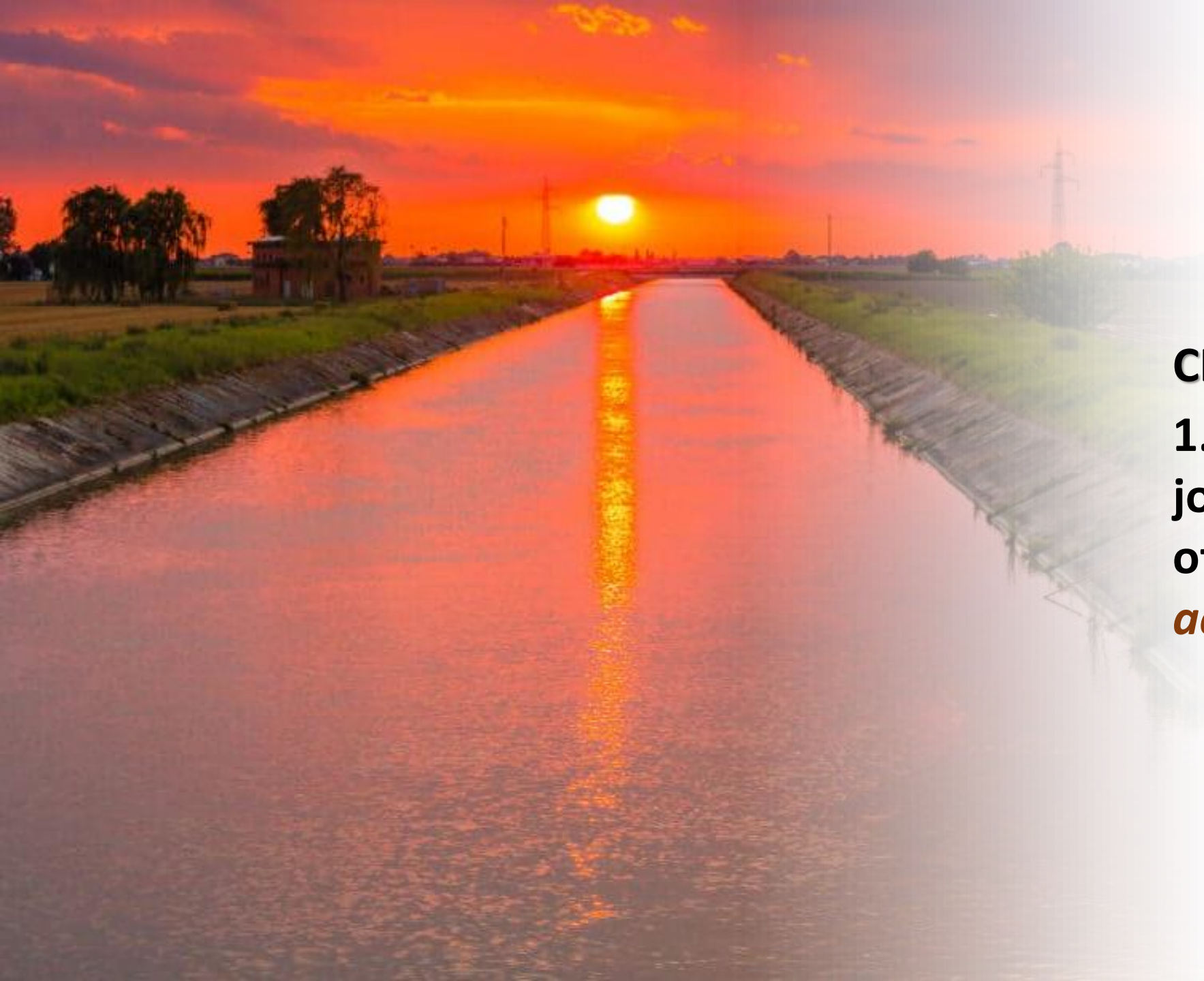
Renunciation of Worldly Goods

Giotto (c. 1295)



...a channel...





CHANNEL ['CHaɪn] *noun*
1. a length of water,
joining two larger areas
of water ***“She swam
across the channel.”***

CHANNEL ['CHʌnl] *noun*
2. a band of frequencies
used in radio and
television transmission
*“He liked the music on
this channel.”*





CHANNEL ['CHaɪn] *noun*

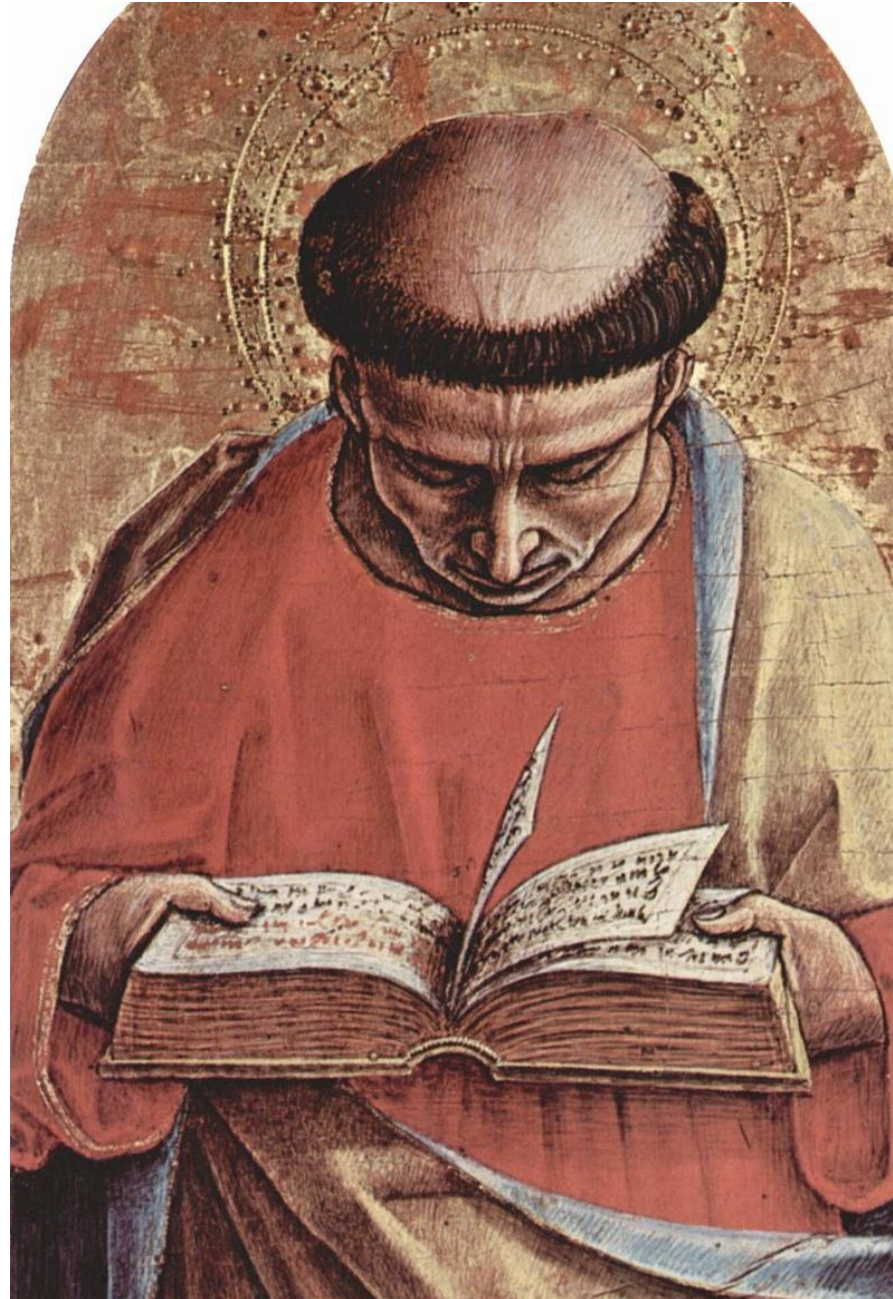
3. a medium for communication or the passage of information

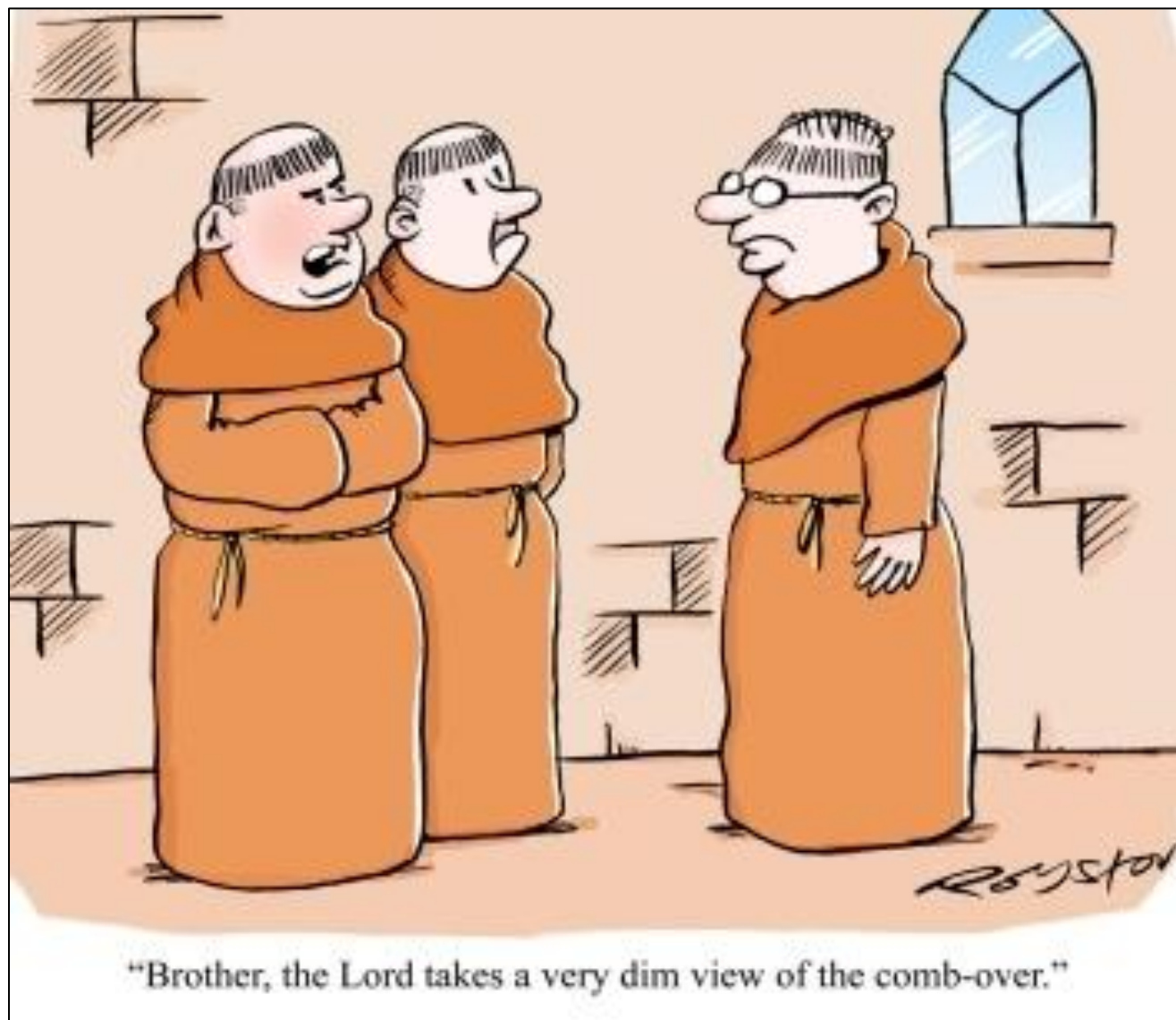
“Make me a channel of your peace.”

Synonyms: instrument, means, mechanism, sign



Tonsure





"Brother, the Lord takes a very dim view of the comb-over."

DULL STRAIGHT RAZOR...
TSK, TSK, BROTHER
DOMINIC. THAT'S
ANOTHER INFRACTION

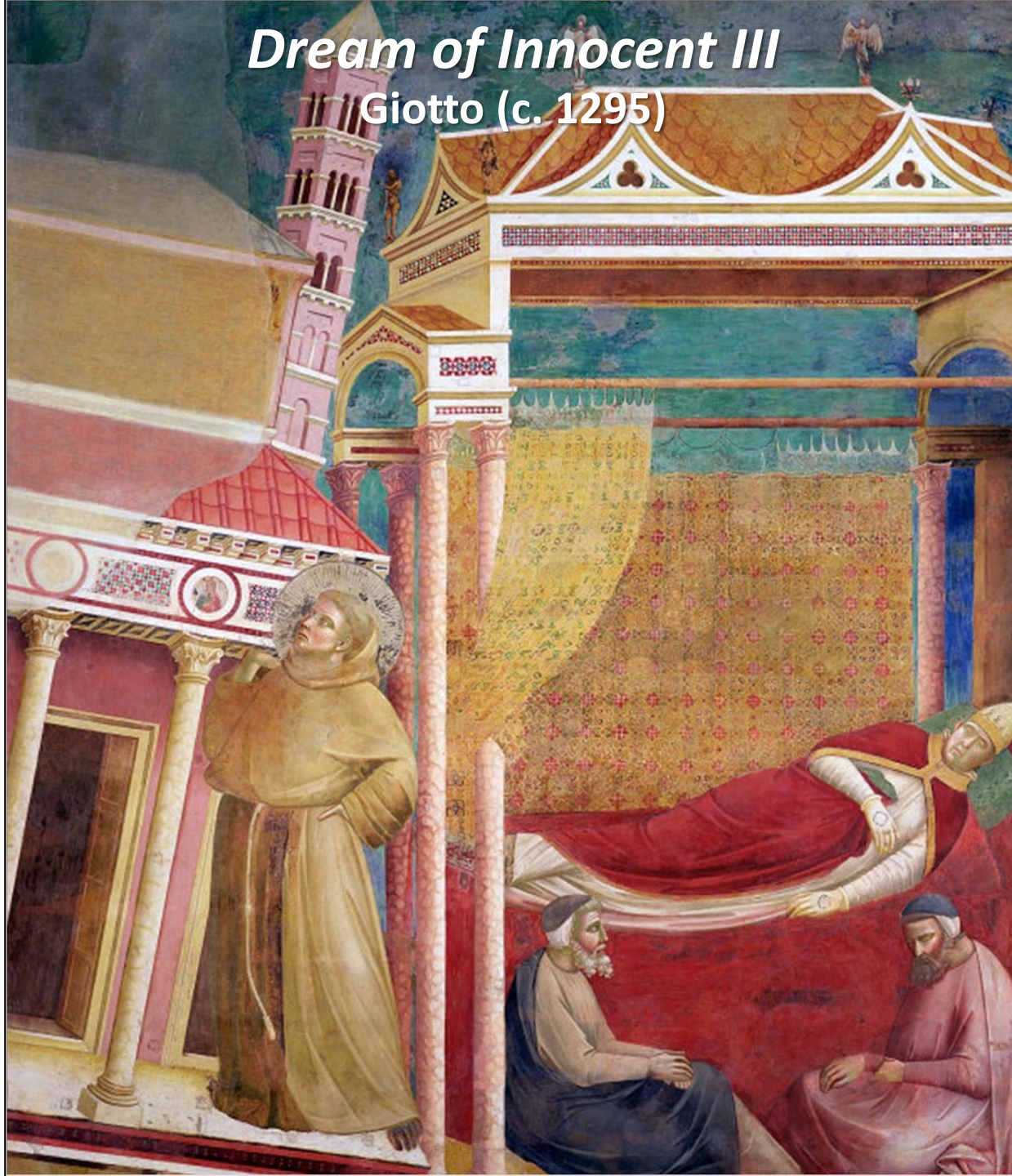
I KNOW, I KNOW...
IT'S A
FRIAR HAZARD.

SCOTT
HILBURN
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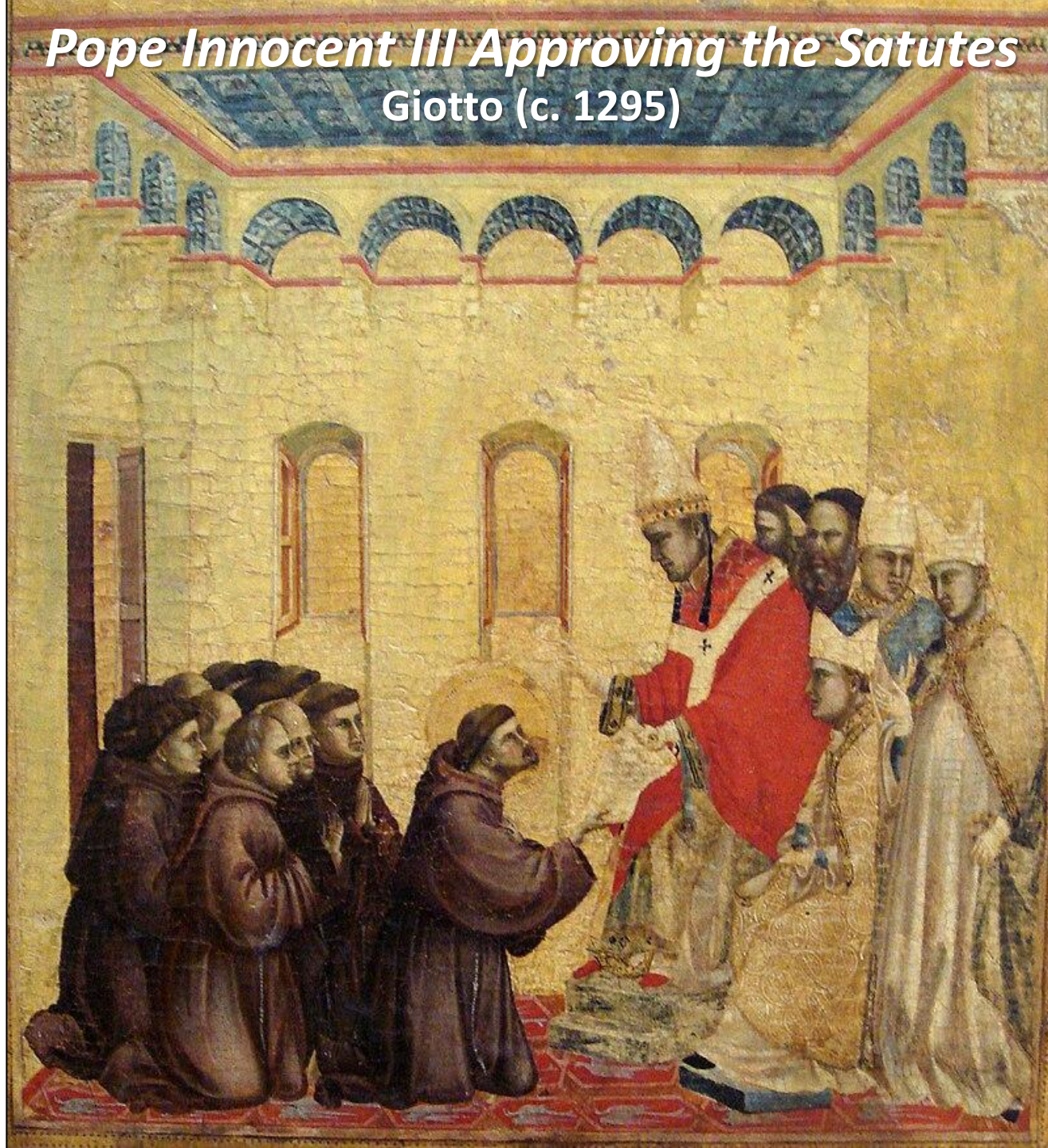


Dream of Innocent III

Giotto (c. 1295)



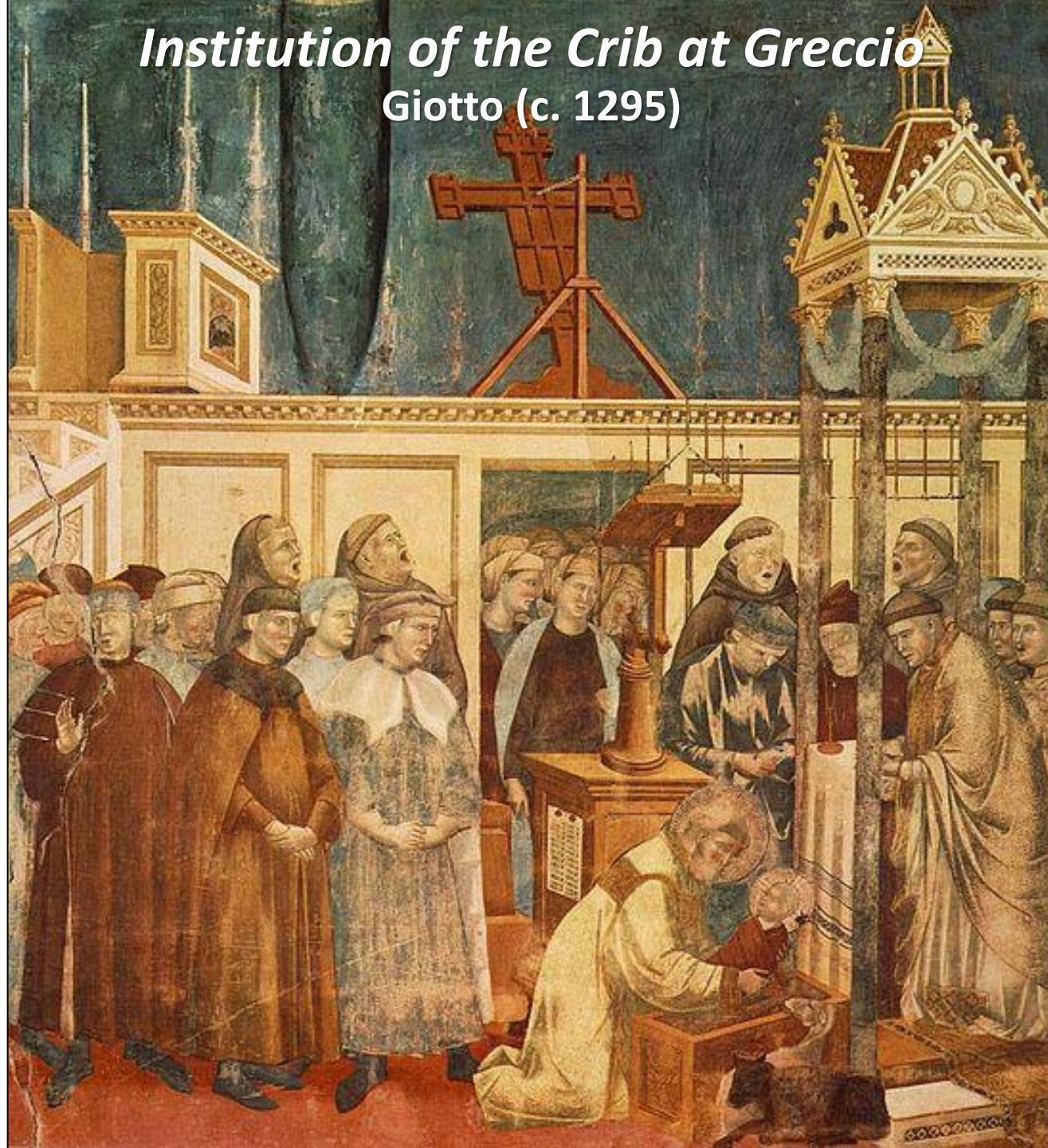
Pope Innocent III Approving the Statutes
Giotto (c. 1295)







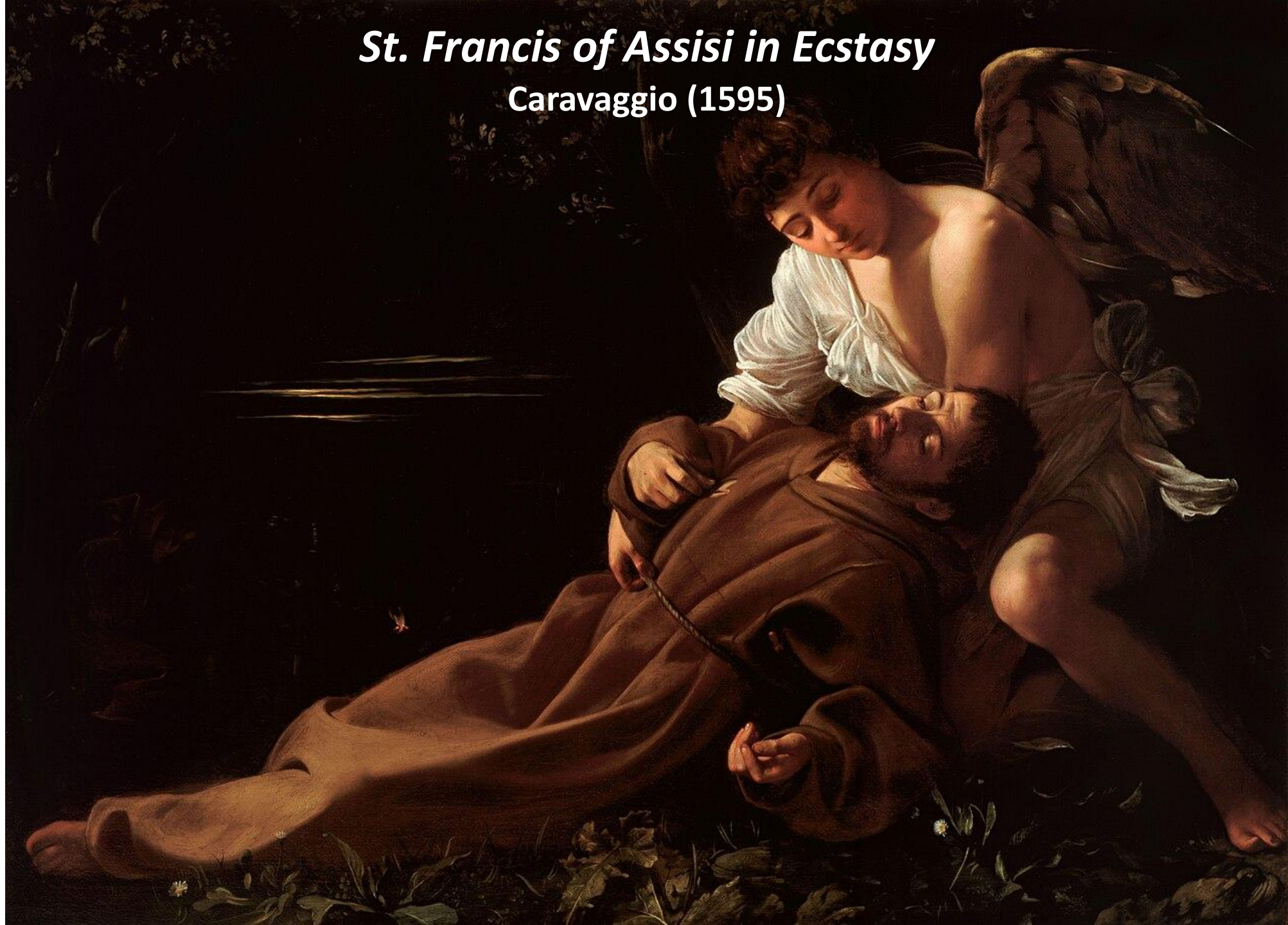
Institution of the Crib at Greccio
Giotto (c. 1295)





Stigmatisation of St. Francis
Giotto (c. 1295)

St. Francis of Assisi in Ecstasy
Caravaggio (1595)





REFLECT:

**Who was “a channel” for
God in this video clip?**

**Who has been “a channel”
for God in your life?**



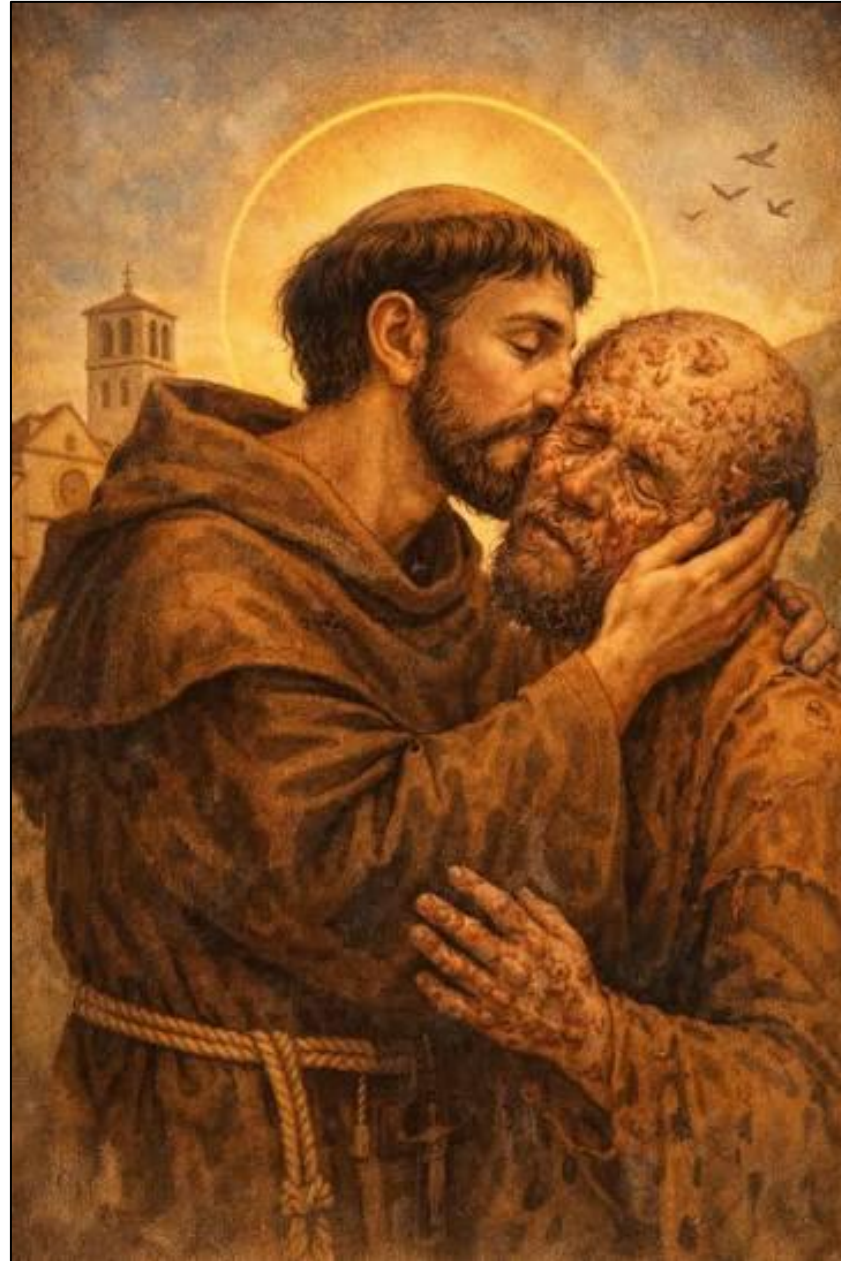
...of your peace





WHEN THE DUST
SETTLED, THE BAR
WAS A WRECK,
BODIES AND
BROKEN CHAIRS
WERE EVERYWHERE,
BUT NO ONE EVER
AGAIN CALLED
ST. FRANCIS A SISSY.

Kissing the Leper







REFLECT:

**Who are the “lepers” in
your life that most need
your embrace?**



**BEING TAUGHT TO AVOID TALKING
ABOUT POLITICS AND RELIGION
HAS LED TO A LACK OF
UNDERSTANDING OF POLITICS AND
RELIGION.**



**WHAT WE SHOULD HAVE BEEN
TAUGHT WAS HOW TO HAVE A
CIVIL CONVERSATION ABOUT A
DIFFICULT TOPIC.**

“Ask Andrew W.K.”

August 6, 2014



“I’m writing because I just can’t deal with my father anymore. He’s a 65-year-old super right-wing conservative who has basically turned into a total asshole intent on ruining our relationship and our planet with his politics. I’m more or less a liberal democrat with very progressive values and I know that people like my dad are going to destroy us all. I don’t have any good times with him anymore. All we do is argue. When I try to spend time with him without talking politics or discussing any current events, there’s still an underlying tension that makes it really uncomfortable. Don’t get me wrong, I love him no matter what, but how do I explain to him that his politics are turning him into a monster, destroying the environment, and pushing away the people who care about him?”

“Dear Son of A Right-Winger – Go back and read the opening sentences of your letter. Then read the rest of your letter. Try to find a single instance where you referred to your dad as a human being, a person, or a man. There isn’t one. You’ve reduced your father — the person who created you — to a set of beliefs and political views and how it relates to you. And you don’t consider your dad a person of his own standing — he’s just “your dad.” You’ve also reduced yourself to a set of opposing views and reduced your relationship with him to a fight between the two. The humanity has been reduced to nothingness and all that’s left in its place is an argument that can never really be won.”

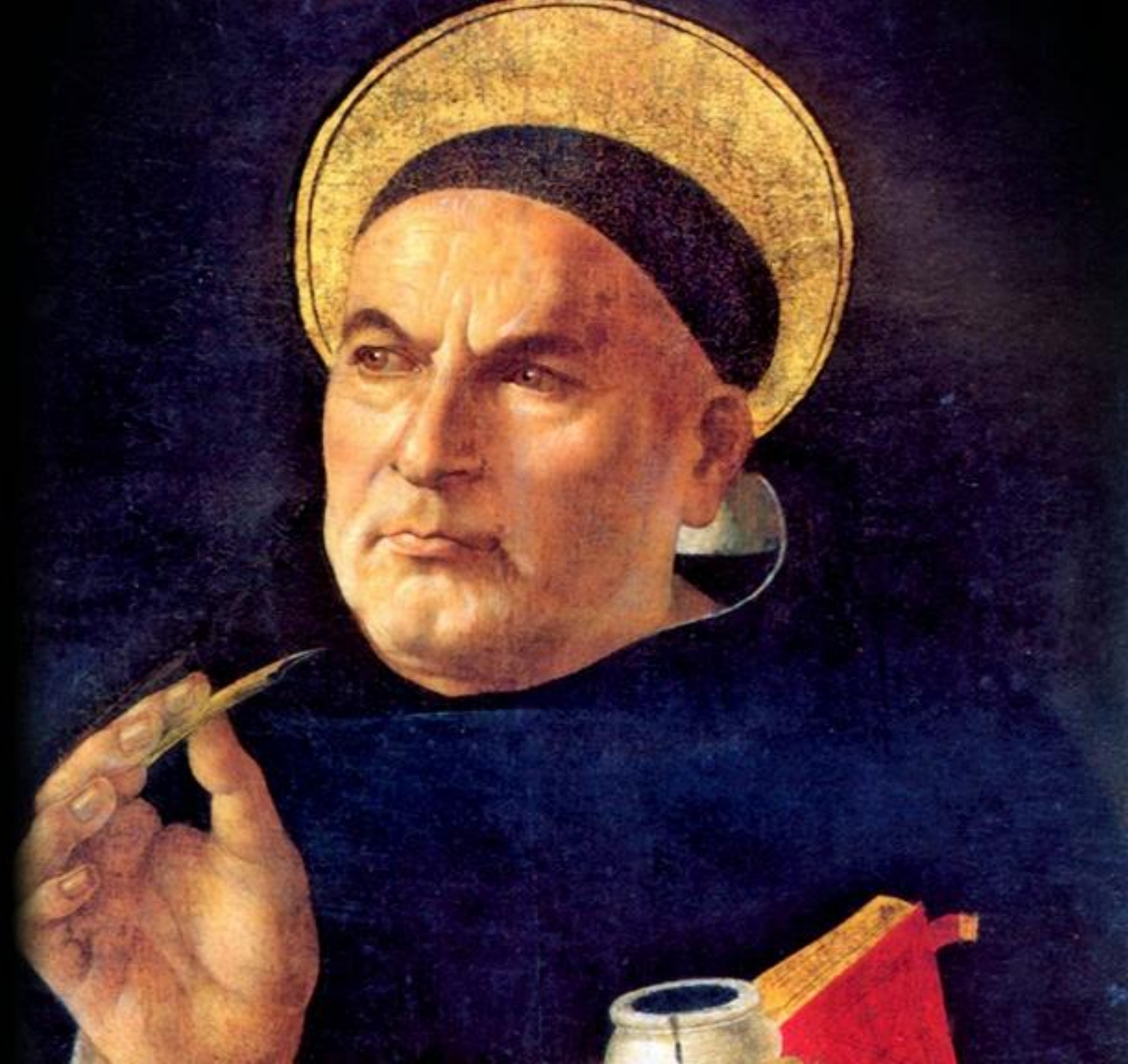
“The world isn’t being destroyed by democrats or republicans, red or blue, liberal or conservative, religious or atheist — the world is being destroyed by one side believing the other side is destroying the world. The world is being hurt and damaged by one group of people believing they’re truly better people than the others who think differently. The world officially ends when we let our beliefs conquer love. We must not let this happen.”

“Love your dad because he’s your father, because he made you, because he thinks for himself, and most of all because he is a person. Have the strength to doubt and question what you believe as easily as you’re so quick to doubt his beliefs. Live with a truly open mind — the kind of open mind that even questions the idea of an open mind. Don’t feel the need to always pick a side. And if you do pick a side, pick the side of love. It remains our only real hope for survival and has more power to save us than any other belief we could ever cling to.”

***Your friend,
Andrew W.K.***

***“To love is to will the good
of the other, as other.”***

-- St. Thomas Aquinas



The Death of St. Francis
Giotto (c. 1325)



***“I have done what was mine
to do; may Christ teach you
what you are to do.”***

-- St. Francis of Assisi



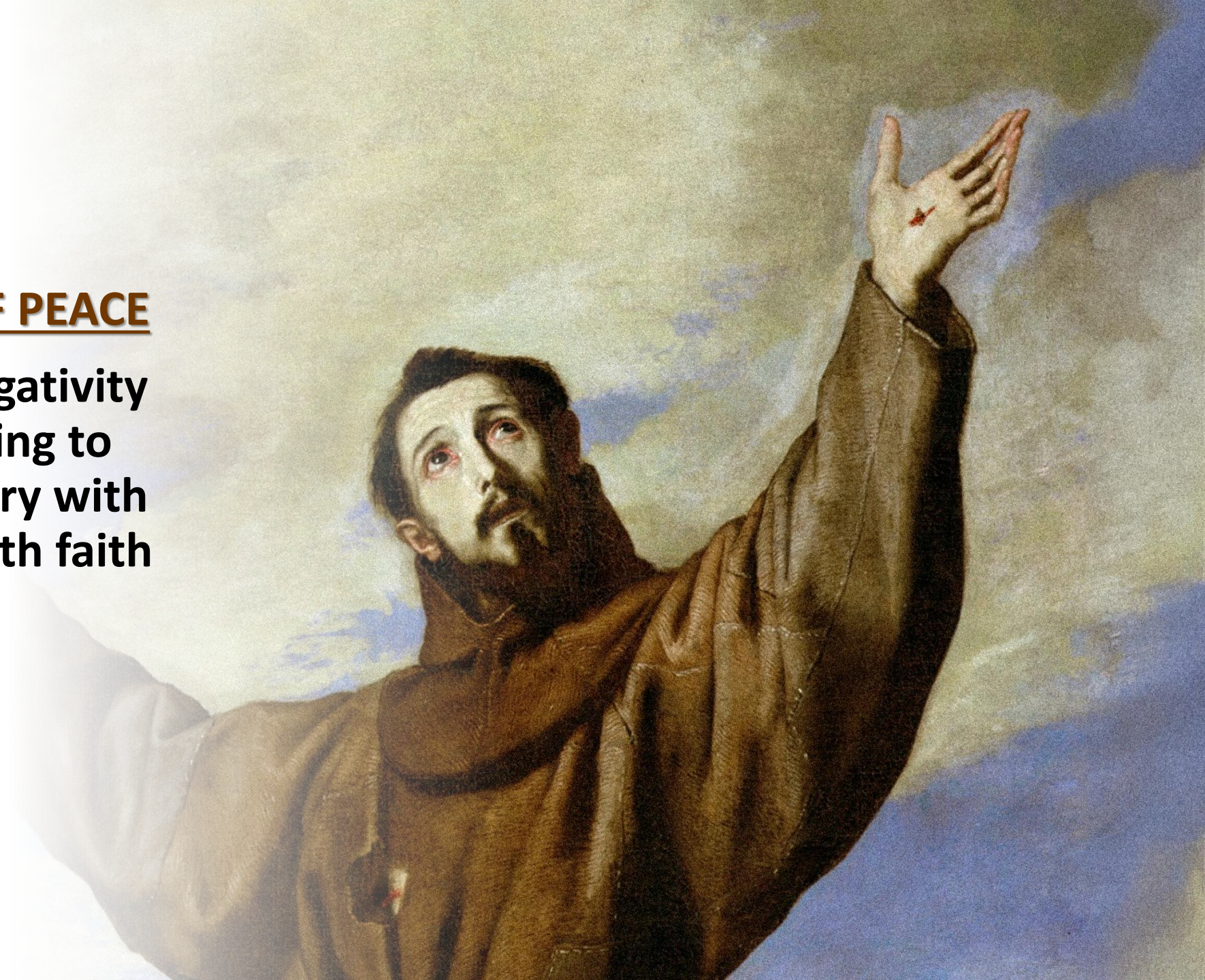
BEING A CHANNEL OF PEACE

**...means to act as an instrument
of goodwill from the Divine
Source into a troubled world,
rather than trying to
manufacture peace through
your own ego or force**



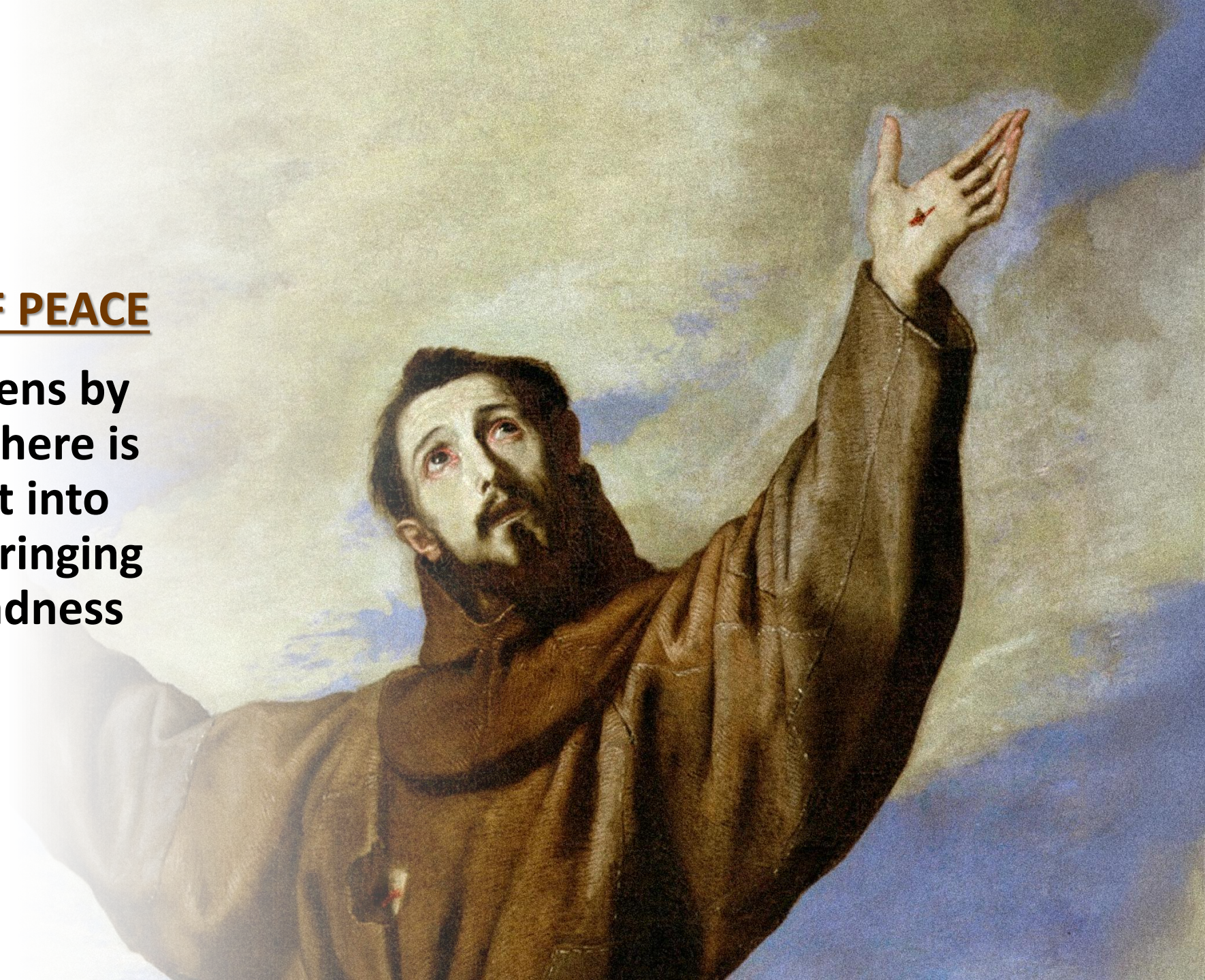
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**...means replacing negativity
by actively responding to
hatred with love, injury with
pardon, and doubt with faith**



BEING A CHANNEL OF PEACE

...means easing burdens by sharing hope where there is despair, shining light into dark moments, and bringing joy where there is sadness



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THANKS FOR BEING HERE!

Please join the Our Faith in Action team here next **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6**, as they will help us to practice how to be peacemakers in our conversations

