

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Foundation
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Overview

We are thrilled to announce the upcoming beatification of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, a beloved priest, bishop, and evangelist whose life inspired millions to encounter Christ.

Who Was Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen?

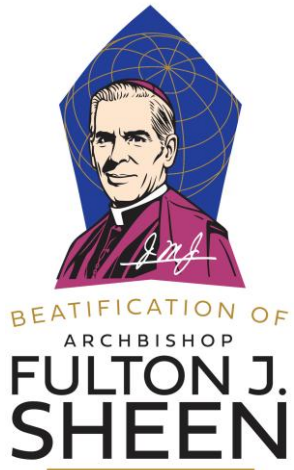
- Born in 1895, grew up, and was ordained in the Diocese of Peoria, Illinois
- Served as Auxiliary Bishop of New York (1951-1966) and Bishop of Rochester (1966-1969)
- Was given the honorary title of Archbishop on his retirement (1969)
- Known for clarity, humor, and a deep love for the Eucharist and the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Famous for his radio and television program, *Life Is Worth Living*, reaching millions with the Gospel

What Is Beatification?

In the Catholic Church, beatification is the first major step to sainthood, granting a deceased person the title "Blessed" and allowing limited public veneration after proving heroic virtue and one verified miracle. A verified miracle attributed to Archbishop Sheen's intercession—the unexplained healing of an infant—helped bring him to this joyful step toward sainthood. Canonization is the final step, declaring the person a saint, permitting reverence across the entire Church, and requiring a second miracle after beatification, making their veneration universal. Essentially, beatification opens the door for local honor, while canonization opens it for the whole world, recognizing a saint as being in heaven with God.

Why This Is Important

It's important for the local Church as we celebrate one of our own whose faith and holiness grew from our local community. For the Universal Church, it inspires Catholics everywhere to boldly share the Gospel and live lives of virtue.



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BEATIFICATION MASS DETAILS

Date & Time: Thursday, September 24, 2026, at 2 pm

Location: The Dome at America's Center in St. Louis, Missouri

Learn More: CelebrateSheen.com

Join us in prayer and thanksgiving as we honor Archbishop Sheen's witness to Christ and ask for his intercession. Saints like him remind us that holiness is possible for each of us and that our lives can reflect God's love in the world.