

Have a Happy Death

We're going to die anyway so why not die a Happy Death.

**No one wants to rush it but we all know that we have to die first
Before we can go to Heaven,
And isn't that what we were created for?**

We say that all's well that ends well. And if we die in the State of Grace we will meet God face to face. "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for those who love Him." *1 Cor 2:9*

St. Paul also told us that "Death is swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is thy victory? Where, O death, is thy sting?" *1 Cor 15:55*

However, we need to prepare ourselves for that great day NOW. If we do not accept it now, it would be much harder to accept at the hour of our death especially if we have to deal with pain and suffering. We have to be strong in our Faith and pray fervently; assuring ourselves that God values us so much that He died for us so that we might live with Him for ever. Our Lord never promised us that this life would be easy. It certainly wasn't easy for Him, but He spoke of our sharing Eternal Life with Him if we have faith and if we keep His Commandments.

As Authentic Catholics, our first requirement is to **Pray the Rosary**. Our Blessed Mother promised "that all the advocates of the Rosary shall have for intercessors the entire celestial court during their life and at the hour of death." When we pray the Rosary we ask repeatedly our Blessed Mother to "pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death, Amen!"

We can also gain courage in reading the **lives of the Saints** and in how they accepted death.

And most important, do not hesitate to call for a Catholic Priest for the Anointing of the Sick, or the **Extreme Unction**. That can make all the difference for one's Eternity!