



April Fool's Day is a Catholic Thing!!



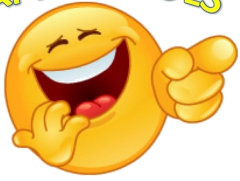
Okay, so it isn't *really* a Catholic thing per se, but the origin of April Fool's Day is actually found in the Church. A lot of people don't know this, so here's how the story goes.

On February 24, 1582, Pope Gregory XIII issued the papal bull (*official Letter*) called '**Inter Gravissimas**' which established the Gregorian calendar (*the calendar we use now which gets its name from this pope*) as the official calendar for the Christian world. With this pronouncement, the older, roman Julian calendar was replaced and the first day of the new year was moved to January 1. Those who continued to observe the start of the New Year on April 1, whether out of resistance or because they didn't receive the news, were considered foolish and ridiculed. Thus April Fools!!

So if someone pulls a prank or plays a joke on you on April 1st, you can legitimately blame Pope Gregory XIII!! Sometimes we don't even realise the good contributions the Church has made to society. Once we realize that, then we're one step closer to realizing how important the Church is to our daily life. Christianity isn't just something we do for an hour on Sundays; it's something we should be living, spreading joy with and drawing encouragement & strength from every day.

And that ain't no April fool!

APRIL FOOLS



During these times of worry, bad news and uncertainty the Good News, Smiles and inspirational Stories can get lost!!

But making some small sacrifice, reaching out to others makes us more aware of the hardships of others and also helps us to focus on those things that are more important in our lives - *Family, Friends, Relationships, Creation, God!!*

We all have a little more free time so ... why not also do something to help someone?

For the rest of Lent, *especially April Fools Day*, why not do something *Kind* to put a smile on somebody's face!! Be the reason someone smiles today! Spread & Share a bit of GOOD NEWS.

#CoronaGoodNews

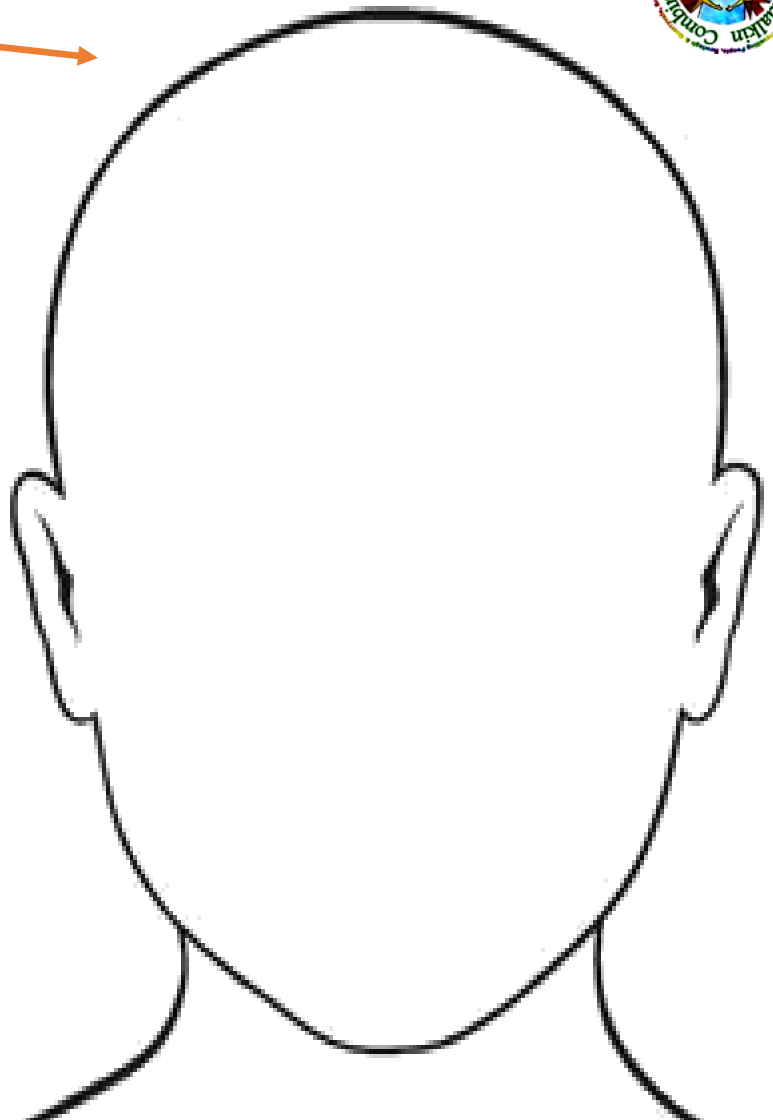


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I will - Spread Love, MAKE A DIFFERENCE and BRING A SMILE TO THEIR FACE on April Fools day and for the rest of Lent!!

BY...



MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Smiling is infectious, you can catch it like the flu.



Someone smiled at me today. And I started smiling too.

USE YOUR SMILE TO CHANGE THE WORLD BUT DON'T LET THE WORLD CHANGE YOUR SMILE



Be The Reason Someone Smiles Today