

Catholic Daughters of the Americas
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RESOLUTION

Whereas, Bishop Fulton Sheen became one of the 20th Century's most influential voices through his popular radio show, The Catholic Hour, and later his weekly TV show, Life is Worth Living; and

Whereas, Bishop Sheen inspired millions to witness his personal relationship with God and to see the relevance of Catholicism with his over 70 books and inspirational homilies; and

Whereas, Bishop Sheen influenced countless conversions to the Catholic faith; and

Whereas, more than 100 million dollars was raised for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith which supports missions in the poorest parts of the world; and

Whereas, Bishop Sheen was the face of Catholicism for 40 years and with his teaching and preaching made people feel good about being Catholic; and

Whereas, Bishop Sheen addressed our 24th Biennial National Convention in 1952 and challenged CDA to extend their charity to the needs of the poor all over the world; and

Whereas, the title of "Venerable" was conferred on Bishop Sheen June 28, 2012 by Pope Benedict XVI; and

Whereas, the miracle of baby James Fulton Engstrom, after being born in 2010 with no signs of life and with no vital signs for 61 minutes, did survive to be a healthy child and has been attributed to the family praying for the intercession of Bishop Sheen; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Catholic Daughters pray for funding for the soon anticipated Beatification ceremony of the Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen in Peoria, Illinois where he is buried; and be it further

Resolved, That even after beatification, prayers continue for a second miracle for the future Canonization of Archbishop Sheen; and be it further

Resolved, That Catholic Daughters support and pray for the Bishop Sheen Foundation as they raise funds and promote the Cause for Beatification and Canonization of Archbishop Sheen, a beloved servant of God.

"The greatest love story of all time is contained in a tiny white host" Bishop Fulton Sheen

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National Resolution Committee

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