Catholic Apologetics and Evangelisation

NEW Talks

1. **Discerning the Will of God**

How do I know what God's will for my life is? In this presentation, Simon will draw from the timeless wisdom of one of his favourite saints, St Ignatius of Loyola, and reveal the three major stages of discernment. Whether you are discerning marriage or a vocation to the priesthood or religious life, or even just whether to take a new job, this talk will help you discern these decisions with confidence.

2. **What Catholics Assume About Mary: The Bodily Assumption in Scripture**

Why must I believe that Mary was assumed body and soul into heaven? In this presentation, Simon will show how and why we can accept, on a literal level, that the woman of Revelation 12 is Mary and that Mary is also the New Ark of the Covenant. Once we see this, the Assumption of Mary will come alive so beautifully, you'll be shouting for joy that you're Catholic!

3. **Mary: Ever Virgin**

Was Mary really "Ever Virgin"? In this presentation, Simon will draw on Scripture, Mystical Tradition, and Extra-Biblical sources to explain and defend the Dogma of the Perpetual Virginity of Mary. Meaning, Mary remained a Virgin before, during, and after the conception and birth of Jesus Christ. This talk will also answer common objections to Mary and Joseph's continence, as well as the famous "Brothers of the Lord" argument.

4. **Hail Full of Grace: The Immaculate Conception in Scripture**

Why do Catholics believe Mary was conceived without sin? In this presentation, Simon will unpack the Annunciation and Mary as the New Ark of the New Covenant and the New Eve, to reveal that Mary was preserved from the stain of Original Sin and remained sinless her whole life long. O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee!

5. **Do Catholics Worship Mary?**

Do Catholics worship Mary and the Saints when we pray to them? In this presentation, Simon will show that we do not worship Mary and the Saints by debunking some common misconceptions about prayer. The type of prayer we offer

and direct to Mary and the Saints is very different from the type of prayer we reserve for God alone.

The Sacraments

6. **The Necessity of Baptism for Salvation**

Is Baptism really necessary for salvation? In this presentation, Simon will show how the necessity of Baptism for salvation is rooted in the teachings of Christ Himself. Scripture offers many examples of what Baptism actually does, and why it is the ordinary means of salvation. This talk will conclude with a short discussion on whether those who are not Baptised can be saved.

7. **The Biblical Basis for Baptising Babies**

Why do Catholics baptise babies when the Bible says we must “believe and be baptised” (Mark 16:16)? An infant cannot believe; therefore, it should not be baptised. In this presentation, Simon will draw on the early Church fathers and Councils to show why Catholics Baptise babies and why we should avail our children of this Sacrament as early as possible!

8. **The Mass: The New Passover Meal**

Is the Eucharist really the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ? In this presentation, Simon brings the Old and New Testaments together to reveal that the Eucharist is not just a symbol of Jesus, but the true presence of Jesus!

9. **How to Get the Most Out of Mass**

What’s the big deal about Mass? In this presentation, Simon will walk through the mass step by step, showing the significance of each part, and how you can enter into the signs and symbols like never before! After this talk, mass will no longer be boring!

10. **Why Confess Your Sins to a Priest?**

Do I have to confess my sins to a Priest? In this presentation, Simon will define sin, examine its effects, and explain how to have our sins forgiven. This presentation will not only clearly teach the need for and benefits of confession for salvation but also answer a common objection—why confess to a priest?

11. **True Repentance: Avoiding the 3 Nooses of Satan**

How do you think Satan feels about the Sacrament of Confession? In this presentation, Simon will share St. Don Bosco's vision of the Devil's strategy to keep us from making a good, valid confession. This talk will help you prepare for and make the best confession of your life!

12. **Sexual Sin, Moral Culpability and the Eucharist**

Can I receive the Eucharist if I have sinned against sexual purity? In this presentation, Simon will address a very serious issue: when to receive and when to abstain from receiving Holy Communion. This talk will discuss venial and mortal sin, the psychology of addiction, moral culpability, good and bad pastoral advice, scrupulosity, and much more!

The Blessed Virgin Mary and the Saints

13. **Mother of God: How This Marian Dogma Protects the Real Jesus**

How can Mary be the Mother of God? In this presentation, Simon will share how calling Mary “Mother of God” safeguards and protects the real Jesus. If Mary gave birth to Jesus, but is not the Mother of God, we make the horrible mistake of reducing Jesus to a mere man, who has no power to save us!

14. **Mary: Model of Discipleship**

Why should Catholics be devoted to Mary? In this presentation, Simon will show that Mary is the perfect disciple and that we can learn so much about what it means to follow and love Jesus from her example.

15. **The Rosary: Mary’s Spiritual Sword**

Why pray the Rosary? In this presentation, Simon will share the history and power of the rosary. The rosary has been and always will be an effective weapon against heresy and sin. If we are to win the culture for Christ, we must take up the sword!

16. **The Intercession of the Saints**

Why do Catholics pray to saints when the Bible teaches that there is one God, and one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus (1 Tim 2:5)? In this presentation, Simon will offer biblical answers to several objections to praying to saints, helping you defend and explain your faith to non-Catholic Christians. Best of all, it will encourage you to call upon your friends in high places right now for help!

17. **The Little Flower's Little Way**

What did this little nun - St Terese of Lisieux - do that made her a Doctor of the Church and one of the most beloved Saints in History? In this presentation, Simon will unpack the blueprint for sanctity, as revealed to us by this most inspirational young nun. Simon was deeply moved by her autobiography, "The Story of a Soul", and is excited for any and every chance to share how this book—and this saint—have impacted his life and will hopefully impact yours too!

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18. **Defend Your Faith!**

Why do Catholics worship statues, call their priests Father and pray repetitive prayers like the Rosary? In this presentation, Simon will address three common Protestant objections with numerous Scripture verses that support the Catholic position. Get ready to defend the faith!

19. **The Four Pillars of Catholic Spirituality: Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving and Forgiveness**

What is keeping me from growing closer to God? In this presentation, Simon unpacks four ways we can overcome the obstacles that are keeping us from becoming the saints we are called to be!

**This is typically a Lenten theme, but can be given at any time throughout the year. The calling to devote ourselves to these spiritual practices is timeless.*

20. **Being a Fired-up Catholic!**

How do we get Catholics to fire up? In this presentation, Simon will share why we need Catholics who know, love and share their faith! This talk will outline 3 ways we can fulfil our call to be effective missionary disciples and win the world for Jesus Christ once again!

21. **Are You Saved?**

What must we do to inherit eternal life? In this presentation, Simon will share what the Bible says about what we must do to inherit the Kingdom of God. It will also answer whether salvation is a once-and-done event or whether we can "lose" our salvation.

22. **The Four Last Things: Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell**

Where will you spend eternity? In this presentation, Simon will unpack what happens to us after we die. This talk will explore what happens to the body and soul at the moment of death, the difference between the particular and final judgment, misconceptions about purgatory, the truth about hell, and the glories of Heaven.

23. **The Passion of Christ**

How did Jesus die? In this presentation, Simon will unpack the brutality of Our Lord's Passion and Death in a way you probably have never heard before. This talk will deepen your appreciation for what God did for you and motivate you to give God everything in return!

24. **Hope in the Midst of Suffering**

Why does God seem to allow so much of it to occur right under his watch? In this presentation, Simon will share how growing up with a speech impediment and becoming a Catholic speaker forced him to confront this question head-on. Simon's suffering has beaten him to his knees, but while he was there, he came see and even appreciate the beauty and power of redemptive suffering. This talk will help you channel your suffering in a way that brings you closer to God, not further away.