

The Heroic Act.

Are you willing to give away all the spiritual cash for shortening your suffering in Purgatory which you and others gain for you -- all for the purpose of allowing the Mother of God to distribute this merit to whom she wishes in Purgatory. There is great charity in making this act, and many have made it.

The elements of the heroic act are these:

1. The offering i.e. telling Our Blessed Mother that you wish to give her all your satisfactory merit to distribute to whomsoever she chooses, and in the amount she desires. This can be done right now as you read by a simple act of the will, or it can be done more formally before a priest in the chapel before a statue of Our Lady with a special formula.

2. The gifts offered -- all the satisfactory value which you gain by your good works of a lifetime, which includes the profit from acts of virtue, Mass, Holy Communion, Indulgences, sufferings and prayers.

Your gift also includes all the good works that others perform for your benefit after your death, like Masses, Communions, Indulgences, etc.

3. The gifts are for the Poor Souls -- your motive in giving is to hurry these souls into Heaven, because God and Our Lady want to welcome them into Paradise as quickly as possible.

4. Through the hands of Our Lady. The Heroic Act makes the Mother of God the treasurer of your satisfactory merit. You want her to specify the name of the person and the amount to be given away. You earn the money yourself or through your friends and turn the checkbook over to her. You may ask Our Lady to take a special interest in your deceased parents, relatives and friends, and feel confident that she will make a rich donation of your merits to your friends.

This act is heroic because the person making it gives away the very things that would shorten his Purgatory and bring him more swiftly to Heaven. The Act leaves one with the task of working out his time in Purgatory alone. Are you willing to be this heroic for the sake of charity?

PRAYERS: (deceased) mother of Father Thomas Kelly, C.S.C., rector of Lyons; aunt of Dick Stack (Wal). One Thanksgiving. Two Special Intentions.

November resolution: to attend Mass daily for Poor Souls. Late weekday Mass at 7:20 in Dillon and Cavanaugh chapels.

