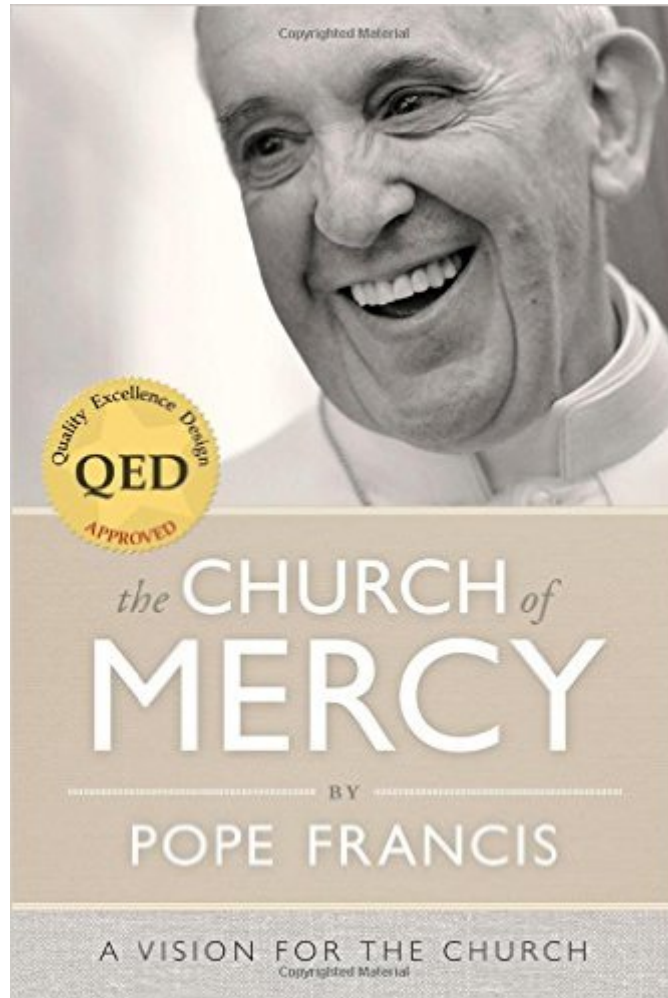


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As I write this on April 27th, we are celebrating the historical event of two modern popes being declared saints in the Catholic Church. We are witnessing history in the making: the history of the Church and the history of the world. There were times in the Church when popes were always

acclaimed as saints. This has not been true in our modern age. Pope Francis chose to celebrate this event on Divine Mercy Sunday, the Second Sunday of Easter, and a day that was established in the Church's calendar by Pope John Paul II. The phenomenon of Pope Francis did not occur in a vacuum. It is a matter of men who became pope who would then stand on the shoulders of their predecessors. For this review, we need not go back any further than Pope John XXIII who began what he called the "aggiornamento"--the "breath of fresh air" that the Church needed; literally, the "modernization" that was called for; which began the process of the calling of the Second Vatican Council, which came after his death. It was during the papacy of Pope Paul VI that the Council actually happened. It was from there that the modern teaching on "evangelization" sprung from the document *Evangelii Nuntiandi* / On Evangelization in the Modern World. It was there that the Church began the process which first resembles the Apostles staying fearfully in the Upper Room, but after receiving and being moved by the Holy Spirit went into the streets to proclaim the Good News, after which numbers of people were being added daily to the small Church at its beginning.

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