



Most Reverend Louis Tylka
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Office of the Bishop

June 21, 2026

Dear Friends of Archbishop Fulton Sheen Foundation,

I wish to express my sincere gratitude for your generous support of the Cause for Canonization of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen and the mission of sharing his enduring legacy with the Church and the world.

Because of your faithful partnership, prayers, and generosity, we have arrived Bishopat a truly historic moment. The Mass of Beatification will take place on September 24, 2026, at 2 p.m. at The Dome at America's Center in St. Louis, Missouri, marking a historic moment for the Catholic Church in the United States and throughout the world. The Dome will open early that day for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Adoration, and a pre-Beatification program with Catholic speakers and musicians.

In addition to the Beatification Mass itself, pilgrims will have the opportunity to participate in a rich series of prayerful, educational, and celebratory events from September 15–26, 2026. These include Masses of Thanksgiving, visits to Archbishop Fulton Sheen's tomb, and the inaugural Sheen Awards Gala, all in Peoria, IL. Together, these events form the official Sheen Pilgrimage. I encourage you to make a pilgrimage to both Peoria and St. Louis to fully experience this historic and grace-filled moment in the life of the Church.

As followers of the Archbishop Fulton Sheen Foundation, we wanted you to be among the first to know that beginning Tuesday, June 23, 2026, at 10 a.m. CDT, you may visit celebratesheen.com and register for the Beatification Mass and other events surrounding this historic celebration.

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Additional information regarding schedules, hotel accommodations, pilgrim resources, and frequently asked questions will also be available on the website.

We encourage you to register as early as possible. While we have worked diligently to accommodate the many pilgrims expected to travel from across the United States and around the world, demand is anticipated to be significant for several events.

Thank you once again for your generosity, your friendship, and your commitment to preserving and promoting Archbishop Sheen's legacy. Your support has helped make this moment possible, and I look forward to celebrating it with you.

Please continue to keep these celebrations in your prayers and be assured of mine for you and your loved ones.

Peace and prayers,

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