

then this idea of purgatory came in - and in the early days they were ~~honorable~~ felt honoring martyrs particularly, and of course they/~~thought~~ that a martyr who gave his life and suffered for the cause of Christ - why his prayers would mean much for anyone - the martyrs - you remember - were telling people -

'Well, you can be forgiven from your cowardice, your weakness - I stood up boldly and suffered - and the church shouldn't hold this against ~~me~~ you - I forgive you.'

They ~~she/they~~ began doing this - so that by the 8th church (century?) there were many, many people, who were being singled out - by ~~me~~ the 8th century - and called "saints" and prayed to in various areas - and ~~it was~~ there was no regularity about it. And sometime between the 8th and the/~~12~~^{12th} century centuries the Roman church decided that the thing needed to be regularized/^{a bit,} and so they instituted a procedure that the pope would canonize a person, and that doesn't mean make him a saint - it means declare that he is a saint - declare that at death he went ~~w~~ right to heaven. And then they had so many, many of them, that they had to cut it down a bit, and so they instituted a system whereby today, if a person is to be declared a saint, they have to have special officials who investigate, and even a man who is appointed, who is supposed to do his best to prove the person isn't a saint - and to dig up everything he can against him - and ~~today~~^{today} the result is that/~~it~~ costs many thousands of ~~dollars~~ dollars to get anybody canonized as a saint. So it's ~~only/somebody with~~^{people of} very considerable prominence, and large ~~of~~ groups of friends today who can come to be recognized as saints. The first - I guess about the first sixty popes - every one of them is listed as "Saint - so-and-so" in their list of popes. But of the ~~last~~^{last} ~~60~~ 60 there ~~aren't~~ aren't more than three or four whom they call ~~saints~~ "saints." Because they haven't gone through this procedure - while with the first ones they just automatically did it.

Yes - Mr. Paul? Yes. Well it began somewhere along between the 8th and 11th centuries. There were the first times - when a pope canonized a man - when a pope declared certain ones were saints - but then as time went on there got to be so many, many - it had either become a farce - or they had to make some definite ~~regulation~~ regulations - and maybe some of you remember that about a year or two ago