On earth & at the altar



Accounts report souls at baths, in homes and near graves, as well as near or beneath the altar.

MED-02 · MOD-03 · VDL-08
EMO-93 · FAU-10 · VIS-07

Beneath the earth?

The *Manuscript* uses underground language; the Portuguese *Visions* treats it as symbolic. These are reported images, not geological evidence.

UMP-R3 · VIS-06

Purification can begin now

Purification of attachments can begin in this life. Earthly life is not literally the final after-death state.

Catechism 1472 · John Paul II, 4 Aug 1999

> On-earth apparitions are a separate motif—not a fourth rung on a fixed ladder.

Pray. Remember. Read on.

Have Mass offered for the departed. Pray for them, practise charity, and obtain indulgences for them under the Church's conditions.

> *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,*
> *and let perpetual light shine upon them.*
> *May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Explore the full guide

Witnesses, account codes, source pages and Church texts. Scan the code or use the address below.

laymanslantern.org/purgatory/#/read/purgatory-map

SELECTED CHURCH SOURCES

Catechism 1022, 1030–1032, 1472, 1479. John Paul II, General Audience, 4 Aug 1999. Benedict XVI, General Audience, 12 Jan 2011.

Source note. Codes identify accounts or thematic blocks in the guide's 21-book catalogue. Book page references are not all checked; repeated stories are not independent corroboration. Artwork supplied by the site owner.

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Letter landscape • duplex, short-edge flip
Actual size / 100% • one sheet • no trimming
Inside face up: fold the narrow right panel in, then the left panel over it. Test one copy first.

The Saints' Map of Purgatory

A composite of reported imagery, not a defined geography



From deepest suffering to the light of Heaven: selected motifs from the guide's collection of accounts.

BEGIN WITH CHURCH TEACHING

Saved, yet being purified

CHURCH TEACHING

Those who die in God’s grace and friendship, but are not fully purified, undergo a final purification. Their salvation is assured; this is not Hell.

Particular judgement is at death.

Catechism 1022; 1030–1032



REPORTED IMAGERY · “LOWEST”

Frances of Rome’s burning sea and Lidwina’s depths near Hell convey severe purification in the reports. The *Manuscript* and Portuguese *Visions* also describe a deepest region.

MED-77 · MED-78 · UMP-R2 · VIS-04

The “levels” here are editorial groupings of different reports—not a universal sequence defined by the Church.

DIFFERENT ACCOUNTS, SHARED MOTIFS

Purification & longing



REPORTED IMAGERY · “MIDDLE”

Magdalen de’ Pazzi describes scenes related to different faults. Faustina describes fire, but identifies longing for God as the greatest suffering.

EMO-10 · FAU-01



REPORTED IMAGERY · “HIGHEST”

The *Manuscript*’s “Purgatory of desire” and the *Visions*’ antechamber emphasise longing and love rather than fire.

UMP-R2 · VIS-04

A different lens. For Catherine of Genoa, purification is an interior fire of love, not an underground landscape.

Benedict XVI, General Audience, 12 Jan 2011

THE DESTINATION IS COMMUNION

Hope, then release



REPORTED ACCOUNTS

Faustina describes a suffering sister becoming radiant and white doves rising from the altar. Louis Bertrand’s story tells of a soul ascending like a star.

FAU-08 · FAU-10 · EMO-07

WHY THIS IS NOT HELL

The Church distinguishes final purification from damnation. Those being purified are saved, and their purification ends.

Catechism 1030–1031

Read the picture with care

Similar imagery cannot interpret a near-death experience or establish anyone’s destiny. Use the map to pray, not to place a loved one in a region.

The destination is communion with God.