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Only extremists in any faith would exclude people of good will, simply because they were not initiated, baptised members of the faith.

Ironically there is no place for such extremists in the Roman Catholic Faith.

In the 60s after the Second Vatican Council there was a priest in the United States of America who preached publically that no one could get into heaven without being a baptised Roman Catholic.

He was told by his Bishop to stop preaching this in the name of the Roman Catholic Church.

He refused to be silent and continued to proclaim that there was no salvation outside the boundary's of the Church.

He was warned repeatedly and after a number of refusals was excommunicated from the Roman Catholic Church.

As a result he found himself outside the Roman Catholic Church.

Thus by his own erroneous definition he was excluded from salvation. That is by his definition excluded from going to heaven.

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The Second Vatican Council of the 60s stated in the Decree on Ecumenism that we should work with what we have in common. With people of all faiths. With people of good will.

One could also qualify the discussion with the notion of baptism of desire. But let's just keep it simple and look to the example of the Saints.

Mahatma Ghandi, or Bapu as he was affectionately referred to, made many famous statements in his life. Asked once about Christianity he said "I like your Christ, it is your Christians I have problems with"

Martin Luther King junior proclaimed that one day "all Gods children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics will be able to join hands and sing the words of the old Negro spiritual.

Nelson Mandela of South Africa had the wisdom to state that a brave person was not one who did not feel fear. But was someone who could work with their fear.

Our Lord Jesus Christ states in the Gospel

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The Roman Catholic faith has room in its thinking, and in its teaching to engage with communities with different beliefs.

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Between members of the Church itself.

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