# Secret Messages from the Saints

365 Cryptoquote Puzzles (Sample)

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## Introduction

For as long as I can remember I have been fascinated by "cryptograms" and other secret word-code puzzles. There is something fun, exciting, secretive, and challenging about working to decipher the puzzle and reveal the message hidden within.

Unlike other cryptogram or cryptoquote books you may find, this book is more than simply a puzzle book. The messages contained within hold some 2000 years of Catholic wisdom and guidance for living our lives even to this day.

I encourage you to not only work to solve the puzzles but more importantly, meditate on each quote as you reveal it. These *Secret Messages from the Saints* can help you grow closer to the Lord and Our Lady. They can help you contemplate how God may be calling you to serve Him. Each quote was carefully selected with this goal in mind: to help you on your journey to become a saint!

The quotes are timeless, enlightening, challenging, and in some cases very funny. So find a quiet spot, grab a pencil (and probably an eraser), and start decoding these secret messages that are sure to help you grow in your Faith.

## Making it Challenging

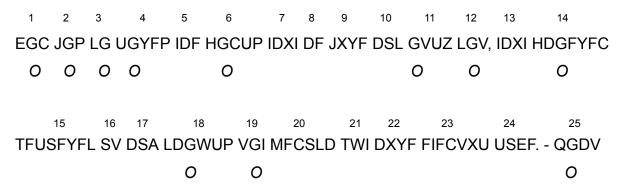
To make things a little challenging I have left out titles attributed to the individual that may make solving the puzzle too easy. Although all of the quotes are attributed to individuals who are either a Saint, Blessed, Venerable, Servant of God, etc., I have omitted those titles and/or their abbreviations (St., Bl., Ven., etc.).

## Substitution Cyphers (How to Solve the Puzzles)

The puzzles within are considered substitution cyphers. Simply put, letters have been replaced by other letters. For instance, in the sentence "See spot run.", the cryptogram

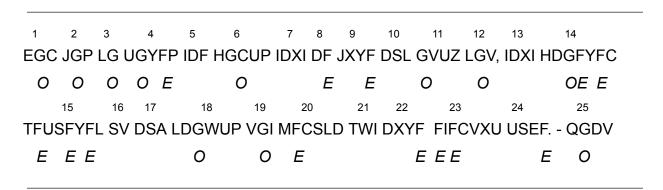
would read like this, "WQQ WOVR CXM." In this example - W's = S's, Q's = E's, O's = P's, etc. (This would actually be a very difficult cryptogram!!)

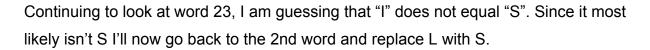
#### Here's another example:



In this example G=O. If you look at the 3rd word (LG) you see that it is two letters and ends in O. With this in mind, the word is most likely either SO or TO. So now, in your mind try replacing the L with S in other locations to see if it would logically fit. If both T and S would logically fit in you may want to look for another clue.

I typically try to find the letter E because often it is the most abundant letter in sentences. In the example code above, F is a very abundant letter like G, 11 times each. I will also look for common E patterns or locations. The code has the letter F, which we are guessing may be the actual letter E in common E locations like the end of a word or in the second to last letter location (ed, es). In this particular code my eye is drawn to the 23rd word where we see an F, another letter (I), followed by another F. This isn't a common beginning E pattern except for words like: every, ever, eternal. So let's try that.





2 3 8 9 10 12 5 6 11 13 14 EGC JGP LG UGYFP IDF HGCUP IDXI DF JXYF DSL GVUZ LGV, IDXI HDGFYFC o so 0 EΕ 0 Ε Ε SO SO OE E 23 15 16 18 19 20 21 22 24 25 TFUSFYFL SV DSA LDGWUP VGI MFCSLD TWI DXYF FIFCVXU USEF. - QGDV E E ES S O 0 Ε S E E EΕ 0

Those S's look good so far. I now notice that word 12 is almost complete with SO\_. This narrows it down to words like SOB, SOD, SON, SOP, SOY. Since this is a faith-based puzzle, I'll try SON replacing all V's with N's.

2 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 EGC JGP LG UGYFP IDF HGCUP IDXI DF JXYF DSL GVUZ LGV. IDXI HDGFYFC Ε Ε Ε 0 0 SO 0 E 0 S ON SON, OE E15 16 17 18 21 22 23 24 19 20 25 TFUSFYFL SV DSA LDGWUP VGI MFCSLD TWI DXYF FIFCVXU USEF. - QGDV E E ES N S O NO Ε S E E E NΕ ON

Now I see that word 19 is most likely NOT; replacing I with T. This also fits well in word 23 as I was guessing earlier. I'll replace all the I's with T's.

2 7 8 10 11 12 13 EGC JGP LG UGYFP IDF HGCUP IDXI DF JXYF DSL GVUZ LGV, IDXI HDGFYFC 0 0 SO 0 E T E 0 T T EΕ S ON SON.T T OE E 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 TFUSFYFL SV DSA LDGWUP VGI MFCSLD TWI DXYF FIFCVXU USEF. - QGDV E E ES N S O NOT E S Τ E ETE N Ε ON

When placing my T's, I noticed that words 7 and 13 are the same. Both begin and end with T and so I'm going to guess that those words are the word THAT. I'll now replace all D's with H's and X's with A's.

EGC JGP LG UGYFP IDF HGCUP IDXI DF JXYF DSL GVUZ LGV, IDXI HDGFYFC THAT HE A E H S ON SON.THAT HOE E 0 0 SO O ETHE O TFUSFYFL SV DSA LDGWUP VGI MFCSLD TWI DXYF FIFCVXU USEF. - QGDV E E ES N H SHO NOT E SH T HA E ETE NA Ε OHN

Looking again at word 23 I see ETE\_NA\_. I'm going to guess that this is the word ETERNAL. So, I'll replace all of the C's with R's and U's with L's.

EGC JGP LG UGYFP IDF HGCUP IDXI DF JXYF DSL GVUZ LGV. IDXI HDGFYFC OR O SO LO E THE ORL THAT HE A E H S ONL SON, THAT HOE ER TFUSFYFL SV DSA LDGWUP VGI MFCSLD TWI DXYF FIFCVXU USEF. - QGDV EL E ES NH SHO L NOT ER SH THA E ETERNALL E OHN

Now looking at word 10 I can guess that S is the letter I making word 10 - HIS. I'll now replace all of the S's with I's.

EGC JGP LG UGYFP IDF HGCUP IDXI DF JXYF DSL GVUZ LGV, IDXI HDGFYFC OR O SO LO E THE ORL THAT HE A E HIS ONL SON.THAT HOE ER TFUSFYFL SV DSA LDGWUP VGI MFCSLD TWI DXYF FIFCVXU USEF. - QGDV ELIE ES IN HI SHO L NOT ERISH THA E ETERNAL LI E OHN

At this point you should be able to solve the puzzle. If not, look at some of the partially completed words to guess what they might be. Word 24 is most likely LIFE meaning that

the letter E = F. If this is true, that would mean that word 1 is FOR. If you still can't get it, the answer can be found at John 3:16 in the Bible.

Hopefully you get the idea and this hasn't confused you. If you need another hint, check the hint section of the book where you will find one substitution answer for each puzzle. Just keep trying and before long you'll be solving these puzzles quickly. Don't give up, trust me, these quotes are well worth the effort

#### A few more hints

Many of our beloved saints are named after the places they come from or the area where they were most well known. Look for clues in their names. Many of them will be stated like this: Bob *of* Sweden, Bill *de* Denmark, Julie *de la* Nashville. They may also be listed like this Frank *the* Twenty-seventh. Also, look for dashes, apostrophes, commas, etc. to help you solve the puzzle.

Okay, I've said too much already. The great "cloud of witnesses" is anxious to watch you solve these puzzles and take their words to heart. Good luck!

All you Holy Saints, pray for us!

## **Puzzles**

1. FEH VAMFWU HGES MA MFW HWUOGYMH, SA
TFGMWOWU FW MWRRH IAZ. - XRWHHWS
OEUCEY VGUI

2. CEAAEJ NFX OVHINO DXWVSOX NFEOX JFE

CEAAEJ NFXK JHAA NFXKOXAQXO DXWEKX

OVHINO. - RERX WAXKXIN

3. ZMN KVEQFPVQ MFB ELLHGXBGMW
EXXMPNGWZ BM MFP WVVN. - UMCW
XCPAQMQBMK

4. GMS BHD GD PBZ? GMS ZC GD FJBAD OCZ?

DXRJP BFCLIZ RI QMD GCHJZ PC QMBQ QMD

GCHJZ GRJJ VBRJ QC PDZLND LP RIQC

JCXRIO RQ. - BLOLPQRID CV MRWWC

5. EW HS NIH IY IYXSR FRSIGRZ, HS HQPRM
MES QW URSINPGS - OGEMXSA QW NHSMSY

6. JB DICF JB JCFGH DOTGB, BLG MICUOCQGB UI PG ULG SHQOUSQD NIULGH IS NJCX QCLJRRX MLODWHGC. - KILC MDONJMQB 7. EMM UILUMI ETI GLTQ EB LTFAFQEMB GDZ

JEQX SFI EB UPLZLVLUFIB. - VETMLB

EVDZFB

8. VQ XNL'M BNKQ UZII DLCVIQOHQ NII NM CLXQ. VQ TZFM FMNEM JG JQIPQKPLH;

MBQL NUMQEVNEOF VQ TNG JQ IQO CL MC

TNFMQE MBQ QKPOQLXQ UCE CZEFQIKQF. 
MBCTNF NAZPLNF

9. PLR JRFUW KRECD LRECPD XS KUCR TUPL WXFR XK VXJ. - OEPLRCUSR XK DURSE

10.AF AR MPB KPFD FM HAYL WIMTJ OMMXR;

LRELQAWHHD FM HAYL OD MTL OMMX, WTK W

YLBD MHK MTL. - UMNT NLTBD QWBKATWH

TLSIWT

- 11. VPET WHAOEOL WJ THDB ET LARKVRA VPKO

  VPR QHABS TEOFR EV GHTTRTTRT JHD, JHD

  QPHW PRKZRO KOS RKAVP SH OHV FHOVKEO.
  - WKALKARV HC FHAVHOK
- 12.TR WPGGCE OR PWWCNGERJ P WPETCIAW

  HTC JCRU GCE PVMRR HAET ETR MCQPG

  WTNMWT DCDR VMRVCMS ETR URFRGET

- 13.ZTW WENTJAFBZ FB ZTW BJNAJIWQZ US

  CUOW. FZ BFKQFSFWB CUOW. FZ MAUXENWB

  CUOW. ZTUIJB JHEFQJB
- 14.YV JRZ FZW IDD WOC DRPC RV IDD RV

  WOC SRWOCTX YEWR REC OCITW, YW XWYDD

  BRZDL ERW CMZID WOC DRPC RV WOC OCITW

  RV SITJ VRT OCT NOYDLTCE. DRZYX LC

  SREWVRTW

15.XL IXH XPF TXPQCMA CF JPQ JQHU PYY FCG. - WHYATPQW HJ FUAQGP

- 16.CMX LXYI YUVHG IM AVYXY HOYM PBIN
  INV NVHQI, FVYBRVY INV OBUY; BJRVVR,
  BJ DVQIHBJ DHYVY CMX LXYI YUVHG IM
  NBL MJOC PBIN INV NVHQI. UHRQV UBM
- 17.IJ OUBJOL. UPUOC FVC V WGIIWU. INGR

  NVR IJ SU CJXO QJERIVEI IVRD GB CJX

  OUVWWC HVEI IJ SUQJLU V RVGEI. 
  TJRULVOGV URQOGPV
- 18.GWOUUOJ GO IRO QNHYI, CRS WSCONOJ

  RYDUOWQ IS SHN QFDYUROJ UIFIO! 
  OKRNFOD IRO UANYFT

19.J XKPU K NTUUG GFFGX BFZ NFCO KCM
IENJW. GXJN JN IV LFRJNX NJC. - DFXC
LKER GXU NUWFCM

20.ALT JLISJL LQN QCMQDN AQIOLA ALQA
QCC XIS YTFQFJT MBALXIA JLSBNA'N
YQNNBXF BN FXA MXSAL Q YTQ. - ALXVQN
VXST

21.PI QLM SZPBA IXLI WXLOTAB LOTARM

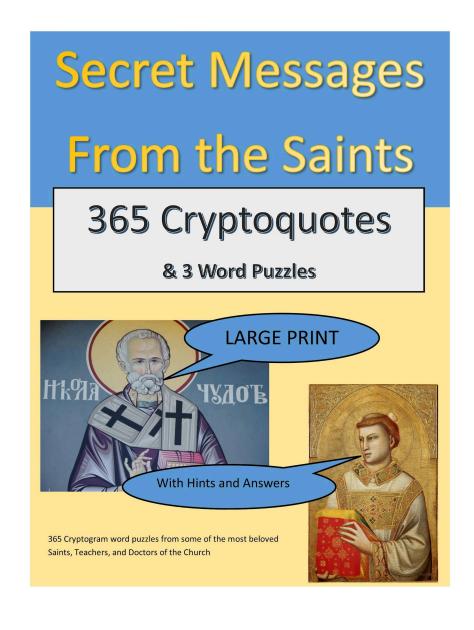
POIU BAEPRM; PI PM XFHPRPIV IXLI

HLJAM HAO LM LOTARM. - LFTFMIPOA UY

XPSSU

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# **Hints**

- 1. G=A
- 2. N=T
- 3. K=M
- 4. Z=D
- 5. H=W
- 6. B=S
- 7. M=L
- 8. Z=U
- 9. J=D
- 10. L=E
- 11. O=N
- 12. E=T
- 13. F=I
- 14. D=L
- 15. F=S
- 16. C=Y
- 17. P=V
- 18. G=B
- 19. U=E
- 20. Q=A
- 21. T=G

# **Answers:**

- His mother said to the servants, do whatever he tells you.
- Follow the saints because those who follow them will themselves become saints. - Pope Clement
- God measures out affliction according to our need. - John Chrysostom
- 4. Why are we sad? Why do we blame God? Evils abound in the world so that the world will fail to seduce us into loving it. - Augustine of Hippo

- If we saw an angel clearly, we would die of pleasure - Bridget of Sweden
- As long as anger lives, she continues to be the fruitful mother of many unhappy children. - John Climacus
- All people are born as originals but many die as photocopies. - Carlos Acutis
- We can't have full knowledge all at once. We must start by believing; then afterwards we may be led on to master the evidence for ourselves. -Thomas Aquinas
- The devil fears hearts on fire with love of God. - Catherine of Siena
- 10. It is our duty to live among books; especially to live by one book, and a very old one. John Henry Cardinal Newman
- 11. This morning my soul is greater than the world since it possesses you, you whom heaven and earth do not contain. - Margaret of Cortona
- 12. He cannot be accounted a Catholic who does not agree with the Roman Church Pope Gregory the Seventh
- 13. The Eucharist is the sacrament of Love. It signifies Love. It produces Love. - Thomas Aquinas
- 14. If you put all the love of all of the mothers into one heart, it still would not equal the love of the Heart of

- Mary for her children. Louis de Montfort
- 15. He who has charity is far from all sin.
  - Polycarp of Smyrna
- 16. You must speak to Jesus also with the heart, besides the lips; indeed, in certain cases you must speak to him only with the heart. - Padre Pio
- 17. To reform. Every day a little. This has to be your constant task if you really want to become a saint. Josemaria Escriva
- 18. Blessed be the fruit, who lowered himself to our famished state! Ephraem the Syrian
- 19. I have a sweet tooth for song and music. This is my Polish sin. John Paul the Second
- 20. The Church has always taught that all our penance without Christ's passion is not worth a pea. Thomas More
- 21. It was pride that changed angels into devils; it is humility that makes men as angels. Augustine of Hippo