

# April Fool's Day is a Catholic Thing!!

Okay, so it isn't *really* a Catholic thing per se, but the origin of April Fool's Day is actually found in the Church. A lot of people don't know this, so here's how the story goes.

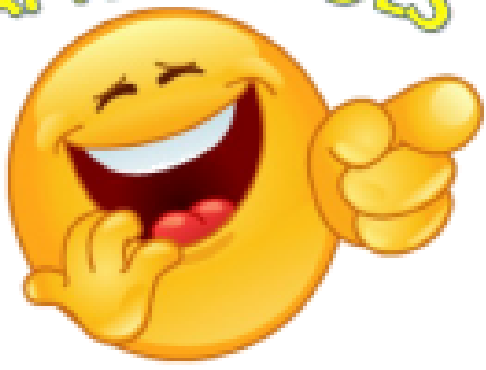


On February 24, 1582, Pope Gregory XIII issued the papal bull (*official Letter*) called '**Inter Gravissimas**' which established the Gregorian calendar (*the calendar we use now which gets its name from this pope*) as the official calendar for the Christian world. With this pronouncement, the older, roman Julian calendar was replaced and the first day of the new year was moved to January 1. Those who continued to observe the start of the New Year on April 1, whether out of resistance or because they didn't receive the news, were considered foolish and ridiculed. Thus April Fools!!

So if someone pulls a prank or plays a joke on you on April 1st, you can legitimately blame Pope Gregory XIII!! Sometimes we don't even realise the good contributions the Church has made to society. Once we realize that, then we're one step closer to realizing how important the Church is to our daily life. Christianity isn't just something we do for an hour on Sundays; it's something we should be living, spreading joy with and drawing encouragement & strength from every day.

**And that ain't no April fool!**

APRIL FOOLS



During Lent did you notice that sometimes when we' gave up something we can have a stern, unhappy or even angry face!? Sometimes when we prank someone we can make them sad, even make

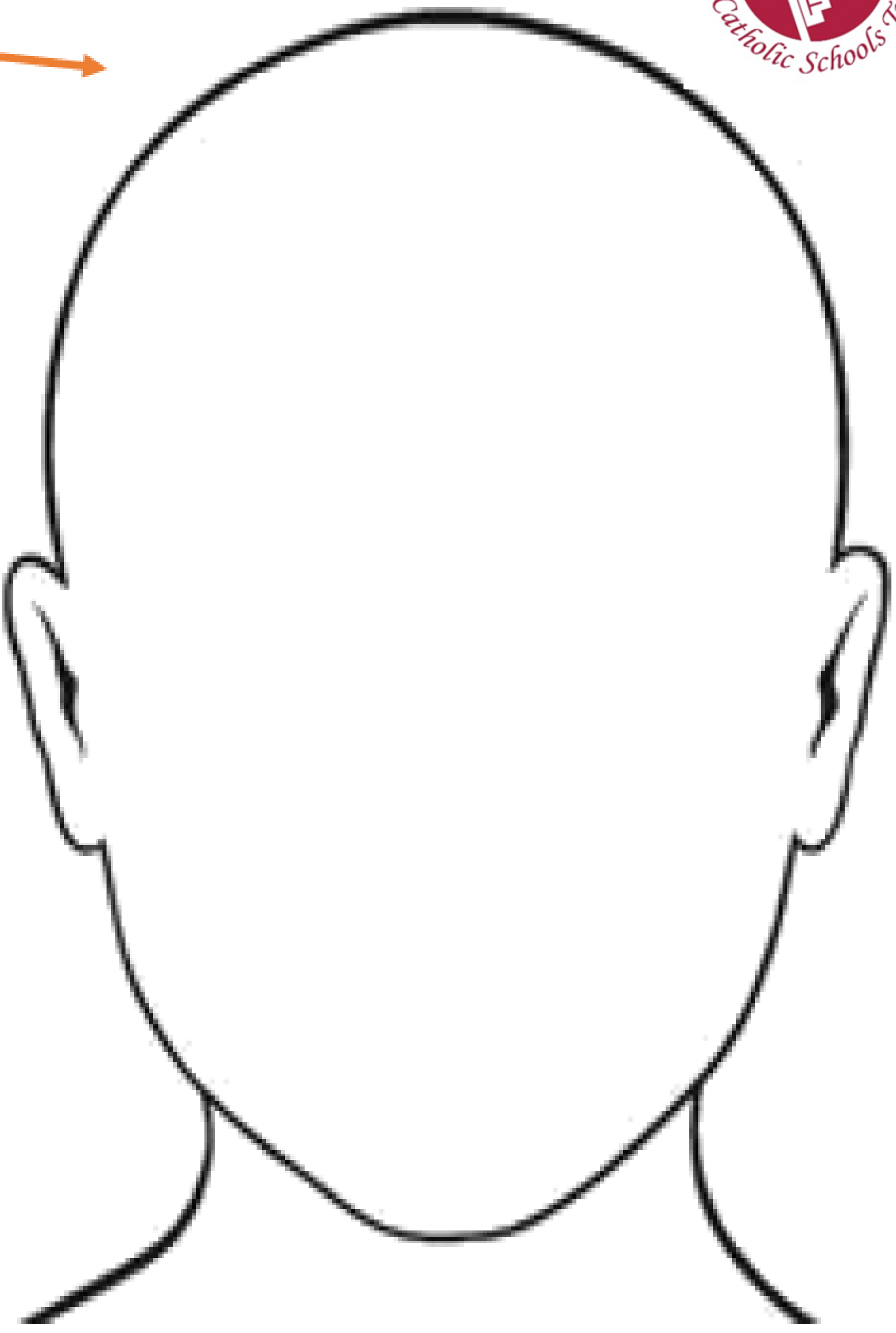
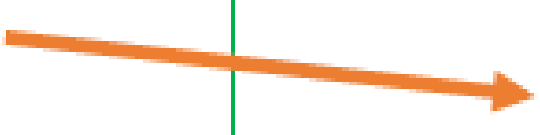
then frown!! But hopefully giving up something for lent , making some small sacrifice, made us more aware of the hardships of others and also helps us to focus on those things that are more important in our lives - *Family, Friends, Relationships, Creation, God!!*

So why not continue to spread a bit kindness and Good News - try and continue each day to do something to help someone?

*Today is a great day to start - April Fools Day, why not do something Kind to put a smile on somebody's face!!*



This is...  
&  
I will - Spread Love, MAKE A DIFFERENCE and BRING A SMILE TO THEIR FACE on April Fools day and afterwards!!  
BY...



**MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

USE YOUR SMILE TO CHANGE THE WORLD BUT DONT LET THE WORLD CHANGE YOUR SMILE

Smiling is infectious, you can catch it like the flu.



Someone smiled at me today. And I started smiling too.

