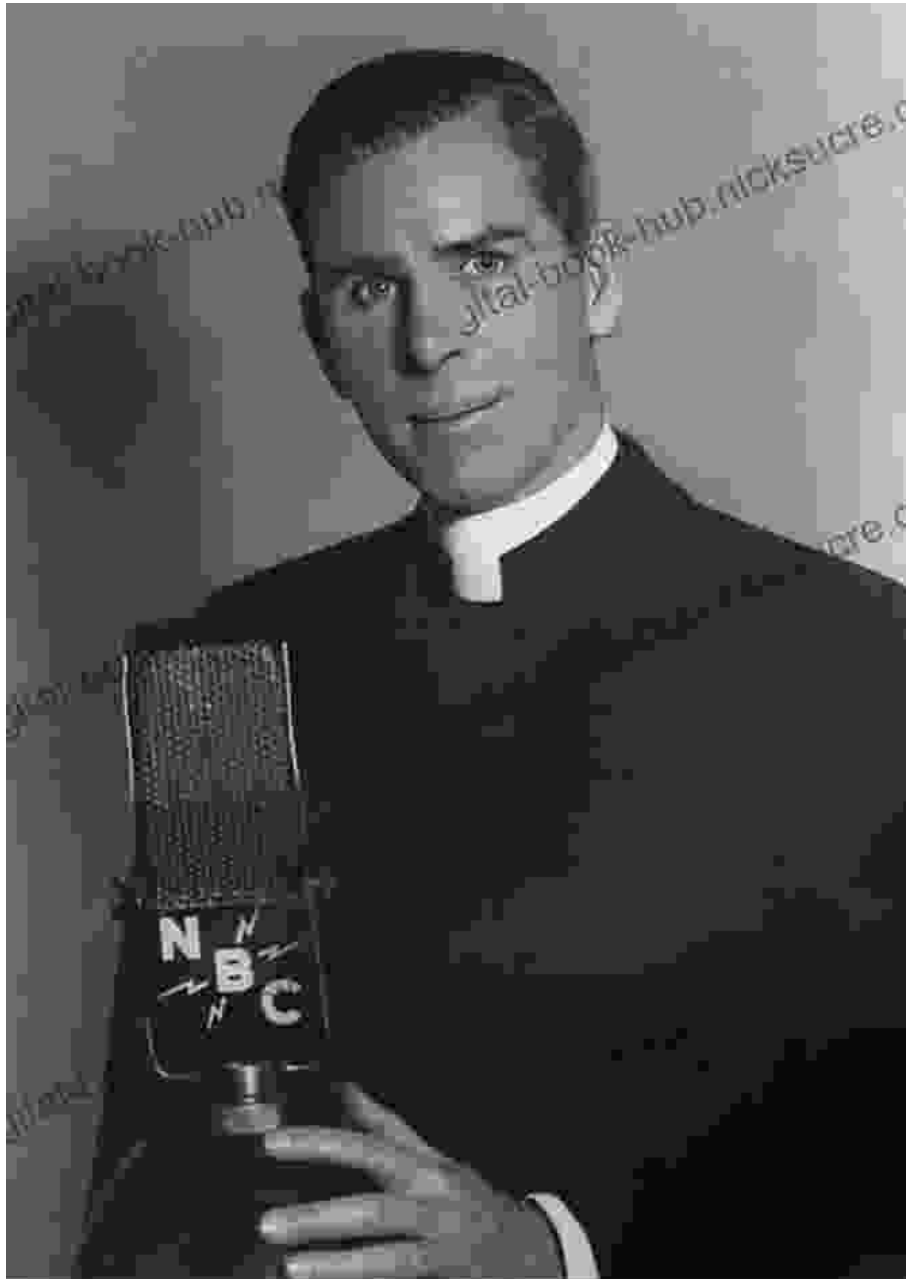
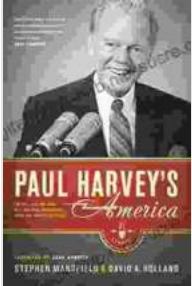


# The Life, Art, and Faith of the Man Who Transformed Radio and Inspired a Nation: The Story of Fulton J. Sheen



Fulton J. Sheen was a Catholic priest, author, and radio and television personality who became one of the most famous and influential figures in

the United States during the 20th century. He was known for his powerful sermons, his engaging personality, and his ability to connect with people from all walks of life.



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### Early Life and Education

Fulton J. Sheen was born on May 8, 1895, in El Paso, Illinois. He was the eldest of four children born to Bridget and Peter Sheen. His father was a farmer and his mother was a devout Catholic. Sheen attended St. Mary's School in El Paso and St. Viator College in Bourbonnais, Illinois. He then went on to study at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., where he earned a doctorate in philosophy in 1923.

### Priesthood and Early Career

Sheen was ordained a priest in 1919. He served as a parish priest in Peoria, Illinois, for five years before being appointed to the faculty of the Catholic University of America. In 1927, he began broadcasting a weekly

radio program called "The Catholic Hour." The program was an instant success, and Sheen soon became one of the most popular preachers in the country.

## **Radio and Television Career**

In the 1930s, Sheen began appearing on television. He hosted a weekly program called "Life Is Worth Living" from 1951 to 1957. The program was a huge success, and Sheen became one of the most recognizable figures in American television. Sheen used his radio and television programs to preach the Catholic faith to a mass audience. He was known for his clear and engaging sermons, which often focused on the social and moral issues of the day.

## **Writing Career**

In addition to his work in radio and television, Sheen was also a prolific writer. He wrote more than 60 books, including "Life Is Worth Living" (1941), "Peace of Soul" (1949), and "The Power of Love" (1954). His books were translated into more than 30 languages and sold millions of copies worldwide.

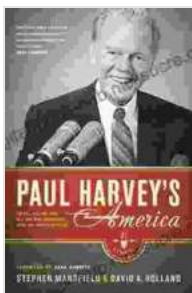
## **Influence and Legacy**

Fulton J. Sheen was one of the most influential figures in the United States during the 20th century. He was a powerful preacher, a gifted writer, and a tireless advocate for the Catholic faith. His work helped to shape the religious landscape of the United States and his legacy continues to inspire people today.

Sheen died on December 9, 1979, at the age of 84. He was buried in the crypt of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in

Washington, D.C. Sheen was declared Venerable by Pope John Paul II in 2002 and was beatified by Pope Benedict XVI in 2012. He is currently being considered for sainthood.

Fulton J. Sheen was a remarkable man who made a significant contribution to the Catholic Church and to American society. His life, art, and faith continue to inspire people today.



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