

Shanti Guy's MEDIA KIT

Short (Twitter) Bio

Author of the comic books St. Michael Above The 38th Parallel and Defend Us in Battle. Each tells the story of real life apparitions of fo St. Michael.

Long Bio

Shanti Guy is writer, artist and author of the new Catholic Comic Book Saint Michael Defend us In Battle. Father of 6 and a devout Catholic, Shanti has spent over 2 decades telling exciting stories to spark his children's imagination and set them on fire about their faith. His comic books recount real and imagined apparitions of Saint Michael. His latest comic is a prequel to his debut Saint Michael Above the 38th Parallel of which 10,000 copies have been distributed directly to troops in the US military through the Augustine Institute's Light House Military Support Association.

Shanti graduated Summa Cum Laude with a BA in Visual Design and Digital Communications, was Director of Communications for Fisher More Catholic College, worked as a User Experience Designer for several fortune 500 companies and even cooked pizzas in high school so he always has that to fall back on if this writer/illustrator thing doesn't work out.

A 5th generation Texan, Shanti lives in Ft. Worth with his wife, 6 children and 3 grandchildren. When he is not writing and illustrating, you can find him with his family at the local Latin Mass (probably in the confession line) or with any of his sons fly fishing, coaching youth boxing or building and ridding custom motorcycles.

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Sample Q&A

Q: Where do you get your ideas?

A: I research real apparitions of St. Michael. You would be surprised by how many times St. Michael has interceded on Earth an usually during a time of war. I have a lot of respect for men who join any military because its hard, dangerous and a lot of people are so ungrateful for the sacrifice. St. Michael is the head of God's army so I think he has a special respect and devotion for human soldiers.

Q: Why Saint Michael?

A: St. Michael is a great hero for men and boys. He did not hesitate when it was time to cast Satan out of Heaven. He did not flinch when it was time for him to rain down the terror of God in any of his apparitions. He attributes everything to God. St. Michael knows there is no such thing as peace time. We are in a spiritual battle our entire life. Believing that we do not need to be on guard against the devil's tricks is an example of some of the wickedness and snares of

the devil. Men and boys should fill their imagination with St. Michael's heroic actions instead of the trash that comes out of Hollywood and other propaganda outlets.

Q: So, why comics?

A: Children's imagination. Right now, so much of our children's imagination is filled with *the enemies*: imagery, ideas, and ways of doing things. Also, like a lot of Christian things in pop culture, I could see a need for something Catholic that was a little more gritty. Most of what is out, there is just a rehashing of Star Wars, Batman or Superman done with much lower production value.

Q: What do you mean by "the enemy?"

A: Ultimately, it's the devil, and the people that are under his control. So much media that makes it into people's homes day in and day out is produced by atheists and outright Satanist.

Q: Can you give me an example of "their ideas?"

A: They present characters (heroic, and villainess) sinning. For example, Iron Man is a womanizing murderer. The characters in their stories act like atheists. A subtle example is when something goes wrong; Batman does not ask God for discernment, and he definitely does not ask him what to do. Then of course he does not ask for God's power to fight the enemy. He does it all on his own. In a more overt sense they are now presenting Superman as a homosexual who engages in homosexual acts. Really disgusting.

Q: Tell me about your first comic book *Saint Michael Above The 38th Parallel*

A: It tells the real life story of a faithful young Catholic soldier in the Korean War, who was very devoted to Saint Michael. When he gets in trouble, Saint Michael saves him.

Q: How do you know this was a real life story?

A: I first heard about it in an article in Latin Mass Magazine. The article was an explanation and re-printing of a letter via Korean War vet to his mother. The letter recounts the soldier's encounter with Saint Michael. Then the article goes on to explain that a priest who knew the soldier and his mother vouched for the letter and the event. My father-in-law was a Korean War vet. He told me that radio hosts used to read the letter on the radio around Christmas back in the 1950s. This is one thing we have over the enemy. The enemies work is fiction. It's not real. We have thousands of years of Catholic heroes, who were granted supernatural powers from God. Those are real super hero's.

Q: Tell me about your new book, *Saint Michael defend us in battle*.

A: It tells the story of a soldier in the Roman army in 476. It is the first in a nine book series that leads up to the apparition of Saint Michael in the Cave in Mount Gargano Italy. On first look, the apparition is a little weird and didn't make any sense to me until I did a lot of research about it.

Q: What's the story with the apparition?

A: There is a cave in Mount Gargano Italy. Inside the cave is a chapel that was consecrated by Saint Michael himself. The story behind that chapel is that a rancher's bull escaped into the cave and would not come out. The rancher decided to shoot the bull with an arrow. When he shot, the arrow into the cave, it changed direction and shot back at him. Then Saint Michael comes out of the cave and in a booming voice says "I am the Archangel Saint Michael. There will be no more killing of bulls in this cave." So yeah on the surface pretty weird.

Q: OK, so how is this an action packed Superhero story for kids?

A: Exactly. After doing a good deal of deep research, I discovered that there was this pagan religion back then called Mithraism. They made secret temples in caves, and then would do a bunch of creepy rituals in them, including sacrificing bulls to the pagan god, Mithras. Mithraism was a secret society in the Roman army. This particular apparition of St. Michael, happened right after the fall of Rome. So I filled in the gaps and pieced together a story about three Roman soldiers. One is Christian and the other two are devout pagans. The pagans summon the demon Mithras. The Christian prays to Saint Michael to "Defend them in battle." Both the demon and Saint Michael show up and duke it out.

Q: Both of these stories relate to soldiers in the military. Was that on purpose?

A: Saint Michael is the head of the heavenly army. As you know, we are the church militant. So it seems fitting to me that St. Michael is keeping a special eye on soldiers. Also, I grew up, watching G.I. Joe on TV and always wanted to join the military but I never did it. Even though I never served, I still have great respect for the men who do. I worked with the Augustine Institute lighthouse military support association to include my Saint Michael comic in a packet that priests in the military distribute to soldiers as part of a program to help them keep their faith.

Q: Why did you choose to self publish?

A: It is important to show Saint Michael in a gritty masculine way. I also wanted the demons he fights to be scary. Most Christian publishers have a problem with this because a lot of poorly catechized Catholics wrongly associate masculine strength with unjust violence and aggression. So its just to complicated for big time publishers to promote something with scary demons and an angle from God having a serious battle.

Q: Where can parents get a copy?

A: CaputCanis.com. I sell them direct from there.

Q: Do you have a digital version?

A: No. Computers, Tablets and Smart phones are all gateways to bad content. I have six children and three grandchildren. I want them to experience the physical world, not a screens and I want the same for my readers.

Q: Where can my readers find you?

A: Shantiguy.com is the hub for all my work and social profiles.