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Dear Friends,

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Happy Mother's Day! Your children want you to know how much they love and appreciate you. Our mothers gave us life and help us with all our troubles and challenges. May God bless you always and in every way.

The Father of Modern Chemistry

May 8th is the anniversary of the death of **Antoine Lavoisier**. He is known as the Father of Modern Chemistry for his many accomplishments, among them naming oxygen in 1778 and hydrogen in 1783. Those who governed France after the French Revolution condemned him to death by the guillotine when he was but 50 years old.

His death exposes the modern myth that Reason is contrary to Faith. Here, in Lavoisier, we find an eminent scientist living in the Age of Reason who had a deep faith. The French revolutionaries who pretended to love reason brought about the death of this scientist. His own judge remarked, "The Republic needs neither scientists nor chemists."

Those who mourned his loss commented, "It took them only an instant to cut off his head, but France may not produce another such head in a century."

Great Catholics in the Field of Science

According to a list provided by Wikipedia, the list of cleric scientists include such notables as: Niclaus Copernicus, Gregor Mendel, Georges Lemaitre, Albertus Magnus, Roger Bacon, Pierre Gassendi,, Roger Boscovich, Marin Marsenne, Francesco Maria Grimaldi, Nicole Oresme, Jean Buridan, Robert Grosseteste, Christopher Clavius, Nicolas Steno, Athanasius Kircher, Giovanni Battista Riccioli and William of Ockham.

Few know that the study of earthquakes and seismology used to be known as "the Jesuit Science." The Society of Jesus contributed greatly to the development of such things as pendulum clocks, barometers, telescopes and microscopes. You would never hear any Pope or bishop say, "The Church needs neither scientists nor chemists." The secular age will tell us that Faith is contrary to reason and science. This is simply false.