

**FASTER THAN A SPEEDING BULLET**

**Perhaps some of you remember the old “Adventures of Superman” tv program. The show heralded the “Man of Steel”. As being “faster than a speeding bullet.” As rapid as that may be, there is something that travels even faster: A Lie! Mark Twain once said that “A LIE CAN TRAVEL HALFWAY AROUND THE WORLD WHILE THE TRUTH IS PUTTING ON ITS SHOES.” If this Famous American author were somehow brought back to life to witness the Pace of today’s world of modern technology, he just might say that a lie can Travel ENTIRELY around the world before the truth even FINDS its shoes!**

**LIES AND GOSSIP can ruin a person’s career and life in a twinkling of an Eye. Sadly, while our justice system promises that we are “innocent until proven guilty” the “court of public opinion” puts an entirely opposite spin on that right that we are all guaranteed. Even the rich and powerful have been felled by a remark taken out of context that has been launched out into cyberspace though the internet almost as quickly as it has been uttered.**

**With this in mind, it is imperative that we choose our words carefully and that our actions are always above reproach. In other words, follow the teaching of Christ and His Church! In (John 8: 31-32), our Lord tells us: “If you abide in MY words, you are My disciples indeed. Any you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.” True followers of Christ are, indeed “followers of truth.” We must live our lives fully understanding that we are not immune to slanderous attack against us. Yet if we abide in the words of our Lord, we can never really be harmed by false words of others – no matter how fast they may travel!**