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**Cardinal Rigali Message
The Meaning of “Jesus”**

Announcer: And now a message from Cardinal Justin Rigali, Archbishop of Philadelphia.

Dear Friends,

Throughout the Bible, God uses names to signify an individual's role and purpose in His plan for salvation. In the same way, the name Jesus tells us a great deal about His character, purpose and love for humanity.

In Matthew 1 (20, 21), an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, telling him not to be afraid, that Mary would conceive of the Holy Spirit, bring forth a Son and call him Jesus, who would save His people from their sins. Thus, the meaning of the name “Jesus” – God saves. *The Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches us that it is through Jesus that God saves humanity.

It is important to remember that Jesus Christ became man to reconcile sinners with God, to be our model of holiness and to make us partakers of the divine nature.

May God bless you all.

(Source: The Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, No. 81)

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