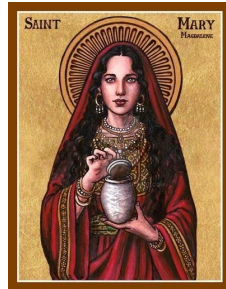


Celebrate the Saints

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Saints - what do you know?

Introduce yourself to your table

Discuss - Your experience with the Saints

Share your favorite Saint if you have one.

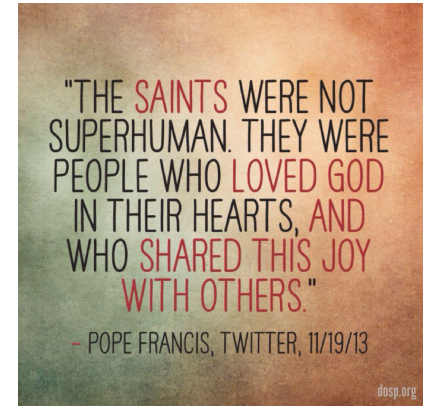
What is a saint?

- CCC 2683. "The witnesses who have preceded us into the kingdom, [Cf. Heb 12:1.] especially those whom the Church recognizes as saints, share in the living tradition of prayer by the example of their lives, the transmission of their writings, and their prayer today. They contemplate God, praise him and constantly care for those whom they have left on earth. When they entered into the joy of their Master, they were 'put in charge of many things.' [Cf. Mt 25:21.] Their intercession is their most exalted service to God's plan. We can and should ask them to intercede for us and for the whole world."
- Saints are persons in heaven (officially canonized or not), who lived heroically virtuous lives, offered their life for others, or were martyred for the faith, and who are worthy of imitation. (USCCB)

Saint vs saint

Capital “S” Saint - officially recognized by the church

Lower case “s” saint - any person in heaven



How do you become a Big S Saint?

1. Servant of God - their cause for canonization is officially open but still under investigation Example: Servant of God Chiara Corbella Petrillo
2. Venerable - formal declaration by Pope of a deceased person who has lived an exceptionally virtuous life Example: Venerable Fulton Sheen
3. Blessed - beatified by proof of their virtuous life and one miracle attributed to their intercession Example: Blessed Imelda
4. Saint - canonization requires a second miracle after beatification

Why should we celebrate the Saints?

We do not worship Saints.

St. Augustine: "When it comes to the Saints, we give them "dulia" which means honor, veneration. When it comes to Mary, we give her "hyperdulia" which is this even more honor and veneration. When it comes to God, we give him "latria" which is worship. And worship belongs to him alone. "

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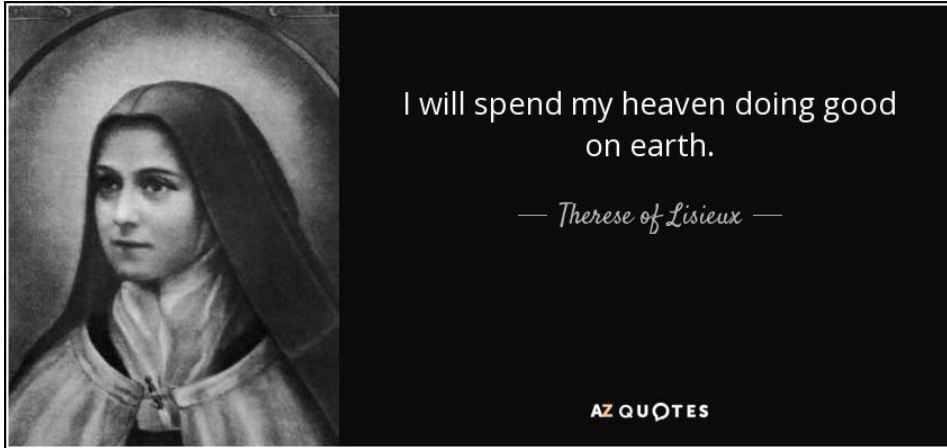
They are holy influencers!

“You renew the Church in every age by raising up men and women outstanding in holiness, living witnesses of Your unchanging love. They inspire us by their heroic lives, and help us by their constant prayers to be the living sign of Your saving power.” - Liturgy of the Eucharist



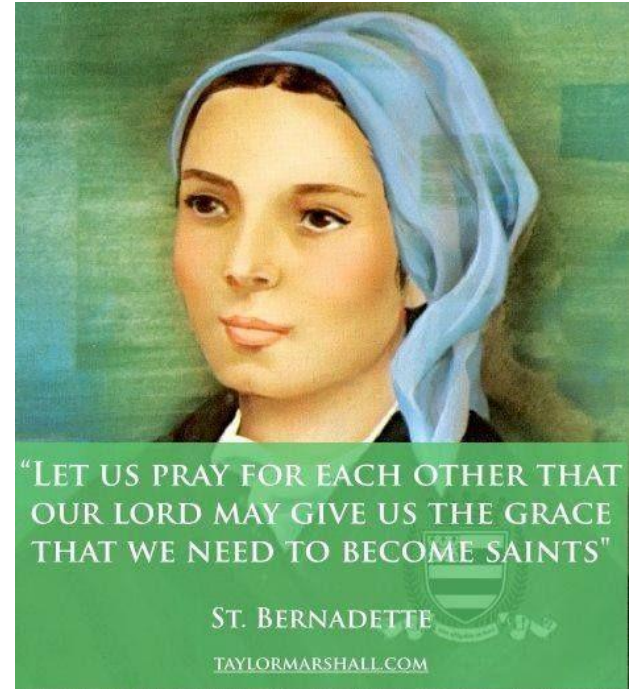
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They are our partners in prayer.



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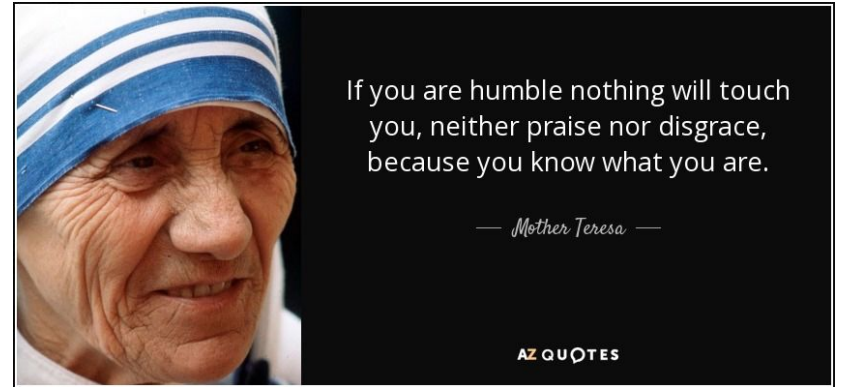
We praise the Artist through His art.

As love grows in you,
beauty grows too. For
love is the beauty of
the soul.

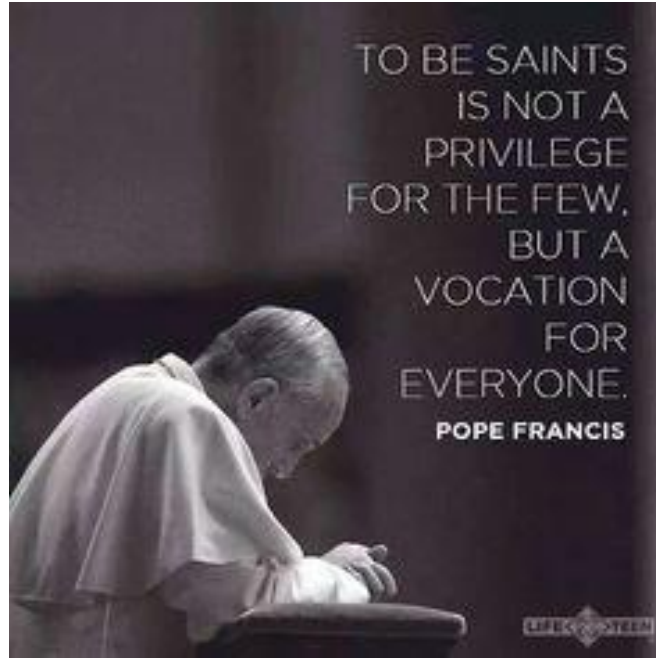
- Saint Augustine of Hippo (354-430)

Why should we celebrate the Saints?

They point us to God.



Truth is we are all called to be saints!



But I can't be a saint....

It's as simple as saying yes to God.

TRAIN!



Why the Saints should be important to your family?

Great role models

Army praying for your family

Coworkers

Who is influencing your children?



How to bring the Saints into your home

Choose a patron saint for your child and family

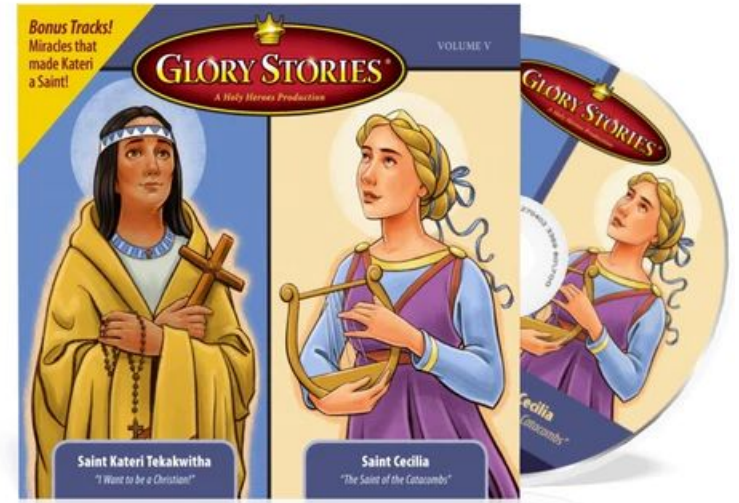
Pray litanies for your children

Saint of the Year

Celebrate the feast days

Read, study, listen

Be a Saint Trainer!



So many to choose from...

There are over 10,000 Catholic Saints

All of different nationalities, time periods, ages, abilities, etc.

All lived very different lives of holiness

There is a Saint for that...

St. Nicholas - children

St. Monica - mothers

St. Joseph - fathers

St. Maximillia - families

St. Sophia of Rome - daughters

St. Andrew - brothers

St. Isidore of Seville - internet,
computers and technology

St. Expeditus - procrastination

St. Drogo - coffee & coffeehouses

St. Felix of Nola - spiders

Great Examples For Today's Families

Blessed Carlo Acutus



Resources

Glory Stories

Catholic All Year

Catholic Icing - Peg Doll Exchange

Saint Books

Saint Podcasts

Discussion

What is something that surprised you from the presentation tonight?

What is the one thing you will take away from tonight?

In looking at the resource handout and the ideas presented tonight, what is one action you will take to celebrate the saints?

If extra time, look up the patron saint of something that means a lot to you or your family.

Questions?

*“We are called to be great saints,
don’t miss the opportunity.” - Mother
Angelica*