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**BOOK OF SAINTS**

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**ILLUSTRATED LIVES**  
**OF THE SAINTS**  
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## FOREWORD

My dear friend,

In the Apostles' Creed you say, "I believe in the communion of saints." This means the union of the faithful on earth, the blessed in heaven, and the souls in purgatory, with Christ as their Head. The word "saints" means all those in the state of sanctifying grace. Therefore, you have millions of friends, bound to you by the spiritual bond of divine grace and charity flowing from Christ, our divine Head. These friends are especially the saints in heaven who are now enjoying their triumph with God forever. They are members of the Church Triumphant, and the Church honors all of them on the Feast of All Saints, November 1.

Through the communion of saints, the blessed in heaven can help you on earth by praying for you. Above all, the Queen of Saints, Mary, Mother of God and Our Mother, is praying for you before the throne of her Son. As one of the faithful on earth, through the communion of saints, you should honor the saints in heaven and pray to them, because they are worthy of honor, and as friends of God will help you to serve God and save your soul.

I have prepared these life stories of the saints and these wonderful pictures in color to help you to know the saints better. They are your brothers and sisters in heaven. They want to help you get to heaven. Try to be like the saints in doing all you can to know, love and serve God as they did, and in this way save your soul. Ask the saints to help you to practice virtue and to overcome sin.

God wants you, too, to become a saint. You do not have to be canonized to become a saint. You can be a saint by doing God's will at all times. This means loving God with all your heart, and your neighbor as yourself for the love of God.

Your friend in Jesus and Mary and the Saints,  
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## OUR LADY, QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS

August 22

*O God, You have given us the Mother of Your Son to be our Mother and Queen. Through her intercession, grant that we may attain the glory destined for Your adopted children in Your heavenly Kingdom.*



**A**FTER a most holy life and death the Blessed Virgin Mary was gloriously assumed into heaven with soul and body and was crowned Queen of Heaven by her own Son.

Mary is Queen because her Son is the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, and as man He is King and Lord of all creation. Jesus is our King because He redeemed us. The Blessed Virgin is our Queen because she had a very special part in our redemption, in our Lord's struggle with His enemies and in His victory over them; she therefore has a share in His royal dignity.

As Mary took part in the Incarnation and Redemption by her Divine Motherhood and her sorrows on Calvary, so she now helps in giving to people the graces merited by her Son. St. Bernard says, "It is the will of God that we should have all things through Mary." The saints also have received the graces they needed to become saints through her prayers. All the virtues they practiced are to be found in her in a very wonderful way. She is truly the Queen of All Saints. On October 11, 1954, Pope Pius XII instituted the Feast of the Queenship of Mary in the liturgical calendar of the Church.



## SAINT FRANCES CABRINI

November 13

*O God, through the work of St. Frances Cabrini You brought comfort and love to the immigrants and those in need. May her example and work be continued in the lives of those dedicated to You.*

—  
Patron of Emigrants

**F**RANCES Cabrini was born in Italy in 1850, one of thirteen children. When she was eighteen years old, poor health kept her from becoming a Sister. She helped her mother and father until their death, and then worked on a farm with her brother and sister.

A priest asked her to teach in a girls' school. She stayed there for six years. At the request of the bishop she started a missionary order in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to care for poor children in hospitals and schools.

Frances wrote to Pope Leo XIII, and he told her, "Go to the United States, my child. There is much work awaiting you there."

She came to the United States with six Sisters in 1889, and began working among the Italian people of New York. She became an American citizen. Mother Cabrini traveled very much. She founded many orphanages, schools, and hospitals not only in the United States but throughout Europe.

Mother Cabrini was the first American citizen to become a saint. She was canonized by Pope Pius XII on July 7, 1946.

**A**NTHONY was born in the year 251 in Egypt. He wanted to fulfill the words of our Lord: "If thou wilt be perfect, go, sell, what thou hast, and give to the poor." While still a young man, he gave away all his possessions and begged an old hermit to teach him how to live a holy life. He visited a number of hermits and tried to imitate their example. He retired into the desert, where he lived the life of a hermit for many years. He devoted himself to prayer and penance.

For more than twenty years Anthony was tempted by the devil, but he overcame temptation by prayer and sacrifice. Many people flocked to him for advice. He consented to guide them in holiness. In this way he founded the first monastery, so that he is called the father of monastic life and the patriarch of monks.

His miracles drew so many people to him that he fled again into the desert, where he lived by hard work and prayer. St. Athanasius, who wrote his life story, said that just knowing about the way Anthony lived is a good guide to virtue.

In 305, Anthony founded a religious community of hermits who lived in separate cells. He died in 356 at the age of one hundred and five.

## SAINT ANTHONY THE ABBOT

January 17

*Lord God, You gave St. Anthony the Abbot the grace of serving in the desert in prayer with You. Aided by his intercession, may we practice self-denial and hence always love You above all things.*

—  
Patron of Gravediggers



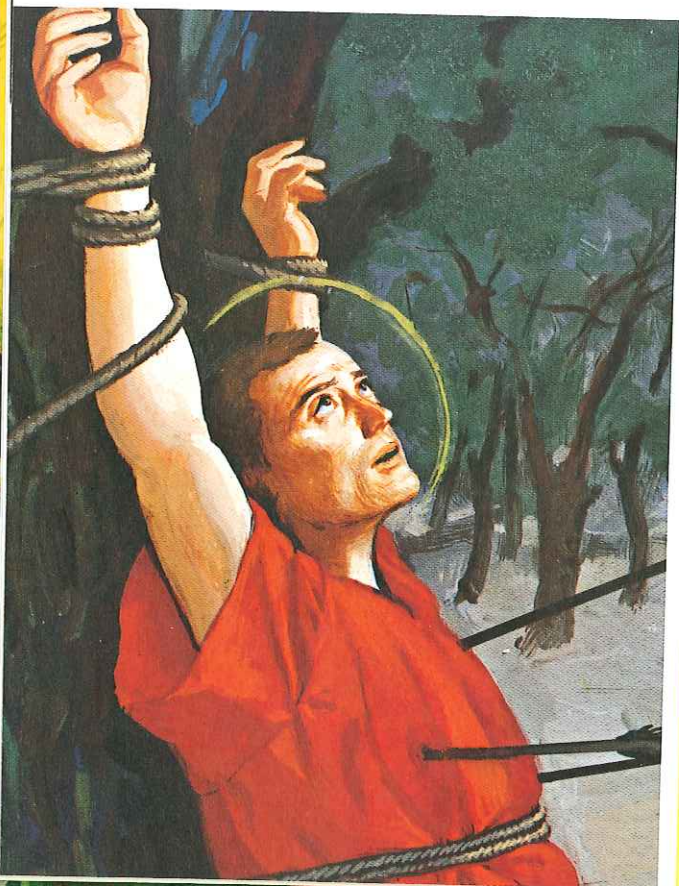
**S**EBASTIAN was the son of wealthy parents. He became the captain of the soldiers who guarded the Roman Emperor.

The Emperor made the Christians suffer very much. Sebastian helped them by visiting them in prison, bringing them money, clothing and food.

Once Sebastian healed a soldier's wife by making the Sign of the Cross over her. Both she and her husband asked to be baptized. He also converted a governor at Rome and many others.

Sebastian was accused of being a Christian and was to be put to death. He was tied, and soldiers shot arrows at him. That night a Christian woman, thinking he was dead, had some men bring the martyr to her home and prepare his body for burial. But Sebastian was still alive. She cared for him until he was well again.

Sebastian went back to see the Emperor and begged him to be kind to the Christians. But the Emperor ordered soldiers to kill Sebastian. After his death, the martyr appeared to a holy woman and told her where his body might be found. His body was then brought to the catacombs and buried there.



## SAINT SEBASTIAN

January 20

*O Lord, grant us a spirit of strength. Taught by the glorious example of Your Martyr St. Sebastian, may we learn how to obey You rather than men.*

—  
Patron of Athletes  
and Soldiers

## SAINT AGNES

January 21

*All-powerful and ever-living God, You choose the weak in this world to confound the powerful. As we celebrate the anniversary of the martyrdom of St. Agnes, may we like her remain constant in faith.*

—  
Patron of Children of Mary



**A**GNES was only twelve years old when she was led to the altar of the pagan goddess Minerva in Rome to offer incense to her. But she raised her hands to Jesus Christ and made the Sign of the Cross.

The soldiers bound her hands and feet. Her young hands were so thin that the chains slipped from her wrists. When the judge saw that she was not afraid of pain, he had her clothes stripped off, and she had to stand in the street before a pagan crowd. She cried out, "Christ will guard His own."

While the crowd turned away from her, a young man dared to look at her with sinful thoughts. A flash of lightning struck him blind.

Agnes was offered the hand of a rich young man in marriage, but she answered, "Christ is my Spouse. He chose me first and His I will be. He made my soul beautiful with the jewels of grace and virtue. I belong to Him whom the angels serve."

After having prayed, she bowed her neck to the sword. At one stroke her head was cut off, and the angels took her soul to heaven.

The name Agnes comes from the Latin word *agnus*, meaning lamb, and reminds us of the gentleness of this young saint.

## SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES

January 24

*Father in heaven, You prompted St. Francis de Sales to become all things to all men for the salvation of men. May his example inspire us to dedicated love in the service of our brothers.*

Patron of Writers

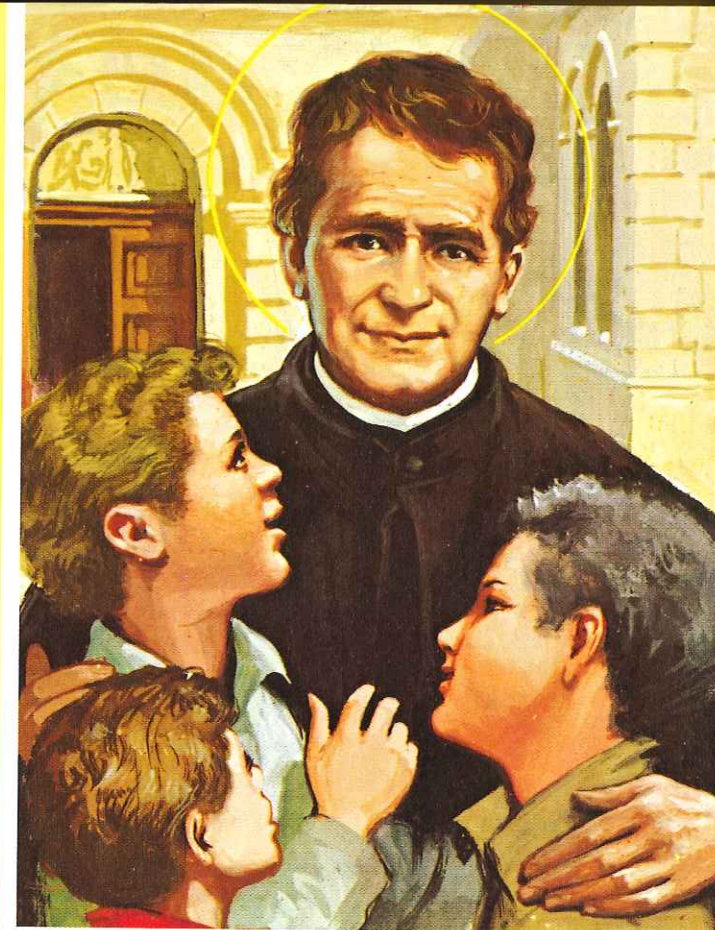


## SAINT JOHN BOSCO

January 31

*God of mercy, You called St. John Bosco to be a father and teacher of the young. Grant that inspired by his ardent charity we may serve You alone and never tire of bringing others to Your Kingdom.*

Patron of Editors



**F**RANCIS was born in a castle in France in 1567. When he was baptized, his mother said, "Now, my son, you are the friend of the angels, the brother of Jesus, the temple of the Holy Spirit, and a member of the Church. Now you must belong to God forever."

When Francis was nine years old, he received Holy Communion often. He said, "Jesus is the teacher of holiness. I go to Him because I want Him to teach me how to become a saint. Of what use to me is all I learn in school if I do not become holy?"

Francis became a lawyer. One day he heard a voice saying to him, "Leave all and follow Me." Obeying God's call, he said, "I want to go everywhere to look for the poor and the sinners so that I may win them for Jesus."

Francis became a priest and brought many back to God by his preaching and his kindness. Later he became the bishop of Geneva. He wrote many books, and that is the reason why he is honored as the patron of spiritual writers. Together with St. Jane Frances de Chantal he founded the Order of the Visitation. He died in 1622.

**W**HEN he was a boy, John learned many tricks by watching circus men. He gathered boys around him and put on little shows. Then he repeated the sermon he had heard in church.

At thirteen John left home and went to work with a farmer, then a tailor, a baker, a shoemaker, and a carpenter. In this way he worked himself through college and seminary, and became a priest.

Boys loved Father John. He found places for them to meet, to play and pray. When neighbors complained about the noise, Father John rented an old barn in a field. He called it "The Oratory." He started many of these oratories. He believed that prayer and the sacraments are the best ways of making boys good.

Don Bosco also founded the religious order of Salesians, a group of priests who would help him in his work for boys. They went also to other countries to educate boys. Father John set up shops of all kinds to teach boys different trades. He wrote many booklets and the boys printed them and sent them out for people to read.

Father John died at the age of seventy-three in 1888.