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SAINT PATRICK

What you probably know: He is the patron Saint of Ireland.

What you might not know: He wasn't actually Irish. He was captured, in what today is England, and was taken to Ireland to be a slave.

SAINT SEBASTIAN

What you probably know: He is the patron Saint of athletes.

What you might not know: He was a Roman soldier, who was illegally Christian. When the emperor found out he was a Christian, he ordered him to be killed. He is known for perseverance, because he survived the first attempt of the Roman army to martyr him with arrows.

SAINT CECILIA

What you probably know: She is the patron Saint of musicians.

What you might not know: She was beheaded for being a faithful Christian.

SAINT FAUSTINA

What you probably know: She received the image of Jesus with the red and blue beams coming from His heart with the words, "Jesus I trust in You" at the bottom.

What you might not know: She received her first image of Jesus in 1924 while she was at a dance with her sister! In the image, Jesus inspired her to live her vocation to religious life!

SAINT JOHN PAUL THE GREAT

What you probably know: He was a recent pope.

What you might not know: He had to attend seminary "underground" during WWII.

SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA

What you probably know: She served the poor.

What you might not know: She suffered through the "dark night of the soul," where she remained faithful to God and to a steady prayer life, but would often feel like He was not with her.

SAINT THERESA BENEDICT OF THE CROSS

What you probably know: She is also known as Edith Stine.

What you might not know: Although Edith was Jewish by heritage, by age 14 she stopped believing in God. However, she was a brilliant philosopher, and as she continued to study and as she started to read the writings of the saints, she came to know and love God. She converted to Catholicism and became a religious sister in a Carmelite order.

SAINT PADRE PIO

What you probably know: He was a franciscan priest who died in 1968.

What you might not know: He had stigmata, which is the visible wounds of Christ on his hands. He also had the ability to read souls.

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

What you probably know: He was a friar from Assisi and wore a brown "robe," which is actually called a "habit."

What you might not know: He was committed to living a life of chastity (the virtue of purity), obedience (the virtue of obeying what God commands and calls us to) and poverty (the virtue of detachment and simplicity).

SAINT MAXIMILLIAN KOLBE

What you probably know: He died in a German concentration camp during WWII.

What you might not know: One night in Kolbe's childhood, Our Lady appeared to him in a dream holding a white crown and a red crown. He later related, "She asked if I was willing to accept either of these crowns. The white one meant that I should persevere in purity, and the red that I should become a martyr. I said that I would accept them both." So, yes, St. Maximilian had a normal childhood, but with one tremendous difference that was to define the course of his life.

SAINT CLARE OF ASSISI

What you probably know: She was good friends with St Francis of Assisi.

What you might not know: She had a strong and beautiful devotion to the Eucharist.

SAINT BENEDICT

What you probably know: He has a pretty popular medal.

What you might not know: He was the first founder of an organized religious order. He started the community in order to live out the call of our baptism, which is to die to sin and to the world so as to live in Christ.

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