

# Saints: Heroes of the Faith

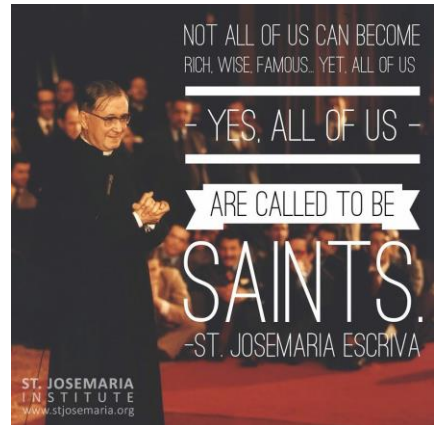
## *Notes from PowerPoint Presentation*

What does the word 'saint' mean? \_\_\_\_\_

What is a saint?

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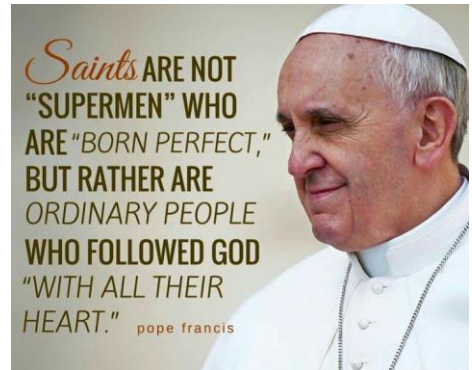
What is a Canonized Saint?

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Check your understanding:

1. Are all saints in heaven?  Yes  No
2. Are all saints canonized?  Yes  No
3. Are all canonized saints Catholics?  Yes  No



**Answers:**

1. **Yes**, all saints are in heaven—that's what makes a person a saint.
2. **No**, we have no idea how many souls are in heaven. Probably only a small percentage are canonized saints.
3. **Yes**, all canonized saints are Catholic. This is because the process of being canonized is within the Catholic Church. It would be unfair to use our standards to judge other religion's heroes. It would be like the NFL deciding who would be in the NBA Hall of Fame.

## Steps to being canonized:

<b>Step 1: Cause Opened</b>	<p><i>A person's cause for sainthood is usually opened how long after their death?</i></p> <p><i>Who is in charge of the cause?</i></p>	When a person's cause for sainthood is <b>begun</b> , what is their title?
<b>Step 2: Cause Accepted</b>	<p><i>Who reviews the evidence of a cause for sainthood??</i></p> <p><i>Who accepts the cause?</i></p>	If a person's cause for sainthood is <b>accepted</b> , what is that person's title?
<b>Step 2: Beatified</b>	<p><i>Who gets to this step automatically?</i></p> <p><i>What proof is needed to move to this second step?</i></p>	If a person moves to this third step, what is his/her title?
<b>Step 3: Canonized</b>	<p><i>What must happen in order for person to be canonized a saint?</i></p> <p><i>Who is the only person who can declare a person to be a canonized saint?</i></p>	<p>If a person moves to this final step, what is his/her title?</p> <p>What can be named in honor of a canonized saint?</p>

**How many Canonized Saints are there?** \_\_\_\_\_

**How many Saints & Blesseds in the USA?** \_\_\_\_\_

### What is a patron saint?

**1. Personal patron saint:**

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**2. General patron saint:**

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# Why pray to saints?

First, what does 'pray to' NOT mean?

Then what does it mean to "pray to" a saint?

*4 Reasons why we should pray to saints?*

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What did Jesus tell us? (*John 14:12*)

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What does God have in mind for me?  
*What is MY destiny?*

*"Our vocation in life is to become saints."*



## **Some Patron Saints:**

<i>Academics/Schools: Thomas Aquinas</i>	<i>Horsemen: Martin de Porres</i>
<i>Adopted Children: Thomas More</i>	<i>Journalists: Francis de Sales</i>
<i>Animals: Francis of Assisi</i>	<i>Laborers: Isidore the Farmer</i>
<i>Architects: Barbara</i>	<i>Lawyers: Thomas More</i>
<i>Artists: Luke</i>	<i>Learning: Ambrose of Milan</i>
<i>Athletes: Sebastian</i>	<i>Libraries: Jerome</i>
<i>Bakers: Elizabeth of Hungary</i>	<i>Messengers: Gabriel</i>
<i>Bankers: Matthew</i>	<i>Military: Theodore Tiro</i>
<i>Booksellers: John of God</i>	<i>Missionaries: Therese of Lisieux</i>
<i>Cancer Patients: Peregrine Laziosi</i>	<i>Mothers: Monica, Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
<i>Catechists: Charles Borromeo</i>	<i>Mountaineers: Bernard of Montjoix</i>
<i>Children: Nicholas of Myra</i>	<i>Musicians: Cecilia, Pope Gregory I</i>
<i>Church: Joseph</i>	<i>Nurses: Agatha, Raphael</i>
<i>Comedians/Dancers: Vitus</i>	<i>Nursing Homes: Catherine of Siena</i>
<i>Dentists: Apollonia</i>	<i>Park Services: John Gualbert</i>
<i>Doctors: Luke</i>	<i>Peace: Irene</i>
<i>Drug Addiction: Maximilian Kolbe</i>	<i>Pilots: Joseph of Cupertino</i>
<i>Ecologists: Francis of Assisi</i>	<i>Police Officers: Michael</i>
<i>Editors: John Bosco</i>	<i>Postal Workers: Gabriel</i>
<i>Engineers: Ferdinand III</i>	<i>Priests: John Vianney</i>
<i>Farmers: Isidore the Farmer</i>	<i>Restaurant Workers: Laurence</i>
<i>Fathers: Joseph</i>	<i>Scientists: Albert the Great</i>
<i>Firefighters: Florian</i>	<i>Soldiers: Joan of Arc</i>
<i>Fishermen: Andrew, Peter</i>	<i>Surgeons: Cosmas &amp; Damian</i>
<i>Friendship: John the Divine</i>	<i>Teachers: John Baptist de la Salle</i>
<i>Gardeners: Dorothy</i>	<i>Travelers: Anthony of Padua</i>
<i>Grocers: Michael</i>	<i>Veterinarians: Blaise</i>
<i>Health Workers: Martin de Porres</i>	<i>Vocations: Alphonsus Liguori</i>
<i>Homeless: Benedict Joseph Labre</i>	<i>Youth: John Berchmans</i>

### **Who is the Patron Saint of...**

*St. Mary Parish? Our Blessed Mother, Mary (our parish feast day is the Assumption, August 15)*

*The Diocese of Spokane? Our Blessed Mother, under the title "Our Lady of Lourdes"*

*The United States? Our Blessed Mother, under the title "The Immaculate Conception"*

*The Americas? Our Blessed Mother, under the title "Our Lady of Guadalupe"*

