1. To begin your Saint Project scan the QR code below and read Faith Noah’s blog on Modern Day Sainthood or go to http://lifeteen.com/blog/modern-day-sainthood/
2. Then read Mark Hart’s summary of “What Makes a Saint?”

What Makes a Saint? by MARK HART

A statue, a holy card, some stained glass, and a heck of a lot of “Hail Marys.”
Okay, that was stupid.

While earthly titles and personal resumes may matter to employers, they do not matter to God. In fact, the only “title” God cares about for us is that we are His son or daughter. Beyond that, the only earthly “title” that would leave heaven applauding would be that of a “saint.”

To be clear, the Church doesn’t “make someone” a saint. The Church recognizes the holiness of certain individuals and honors some with the title of “saint.” If you make it to heaven, you are a saint – whether or not the Church recognizes you as one publicly.

The title of saint is conferred on someone after what is called the Canonization process. The process was most formalized by Pope Alexander III in the 12th century. He restricted the prerogative of canonization to the Holy See (Vatican authority), meaning that the Church was the body that would officially declare someone a “saint,” and not just their local community or country. Canonization means “being raised to the full honors of the altar.” You can read more about this in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (828).
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So nowadays, for instance, say that you had someone you wanted to suggest for sainthood. Here are the “steps” that would need to occur for that person to receive the “title”:

• You and a group would send a report to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints (a Vatican group).

• That Congregation would research the candidate’s virtues and life to see if the person should be recommended or not.

• The aforementioned report is then reviewed by the Holy Father. If the Pope accepts the report from the Congregation, the person in question is titled Venerable. Venerable means “accorded great respect due to heroic character.”

• Once venerable, there are several more steps in the process in which the person’s life is exhaustively researched and examined. If alive, witnesses are contacted who knew the deceased. Various people can come forward to raise objections. Debates can ensue and long discussions can be had.

• Also, at least one miracle must occur and be directly attributed to that saint’s intercession to God. Once that happens (if and when it does), the person is “beatified” in a ceremony by the pope at St. Peter’s in Rome and declared Blessed.

• After a period of time and another two miracles the “Blessed” will be recommended for canonization and named a saint at a ceremony in Rome (although there have been some canonization ceremonies that took place outside of the Vatican – like in Korea in 1984).

Whether your life is ever investigated or a statue ever chiseled, the good news is that God has given us every opportunity to become saints in our everyday life. He’s given us the Sacraments to ensure we become holy and the saints to offer a model of life and example of prayer. The only thing missing is your consent to allow the Holy Spirit to make you a saint.

Your sainthood doesn’t begin when a council starts investigating your life. Your invitation to sainthood began at

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your Baptism. Your life – right now – is your RSVP. Just live today and every day for heaven and let your resume take care of itself.

Your Turn!!!

Now YOU will put up your cause for Sainthood! Take each one of the steps and apply them to yourself. Choose a saint from the following link that you can use as your role model.


Step 1

1. Ask 2 friends to make a small report on why you should be a Saint and turn it in to you.
2. Then read the reports and see if you recommend your own self.

Step 2 Venerable

3. Now ask your parents (or two family members) to give a few reasons why they believe you would be a great saint.
4. Think of a miracle (act of God) that you did for someone that would qualify you to be “beatified”.

Step 3 Blessed

5. Now find two other miracles that you have done for someone that would qualify you to be canonized.
6. Then make your argument as to why you would be a likely candidate for Sainthood. Highlight your talents, gifts, qualities and attributes. Brag about yourself... in a holy way.

Step 3 Sainthood! Presentation

Collect all your reports, miracles, etc. for each stage and present them through:

1. Power Point – you can present in class or turn in on a USB
2. Poster – include pictures, typed words and clear outline.
3. Written Report – re-typed and in a presentable folder.

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