

**Selected Saints and Blesseds (including those featured in this kit):**

St. Lawrence	<a href="http://www.catholic-forum.com/saints/SAINTL02.htm">www.catholic-forum.com/saints/SAINTL02.htm</a>	<b>and</b>
	<a href="http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=366">www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=366</a>	
St. Stephen	<a href="http://www.catholic-forum.com/saints/SAINTS04.htm">www.catholic-forum.com/saints/SAINTS04.htm</a>	<b>and</b>
	<a href="http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=137">www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=137</a>	
Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati	<a href="http://www.catholic-forum.com/saints/SAINTP3X.htm">www.catholic-forum.com/saints/SAINTP3X.htm</a>	
St. Maria Goretti	<a href="http://www.catholic-forum.com/saints/SAINTM09.htm">www.catholic-forum.com/saints/SAINTM09.htm</a>	<b>and</b>
	<a href="http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=78">www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=78</a>	
Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha	<a href="http://www.catholic-forum.com/saints/SAINTK01.htm">www.catholic-forum.com/saints/SAINTK01.htm</a>	<b>and</b>
	<a href="http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=154">www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=154</a>	
Blessed Luigi Quattrocchi	<a href="http://www.catholic-forum.com/saints/SAINTL54.htm">www.catholic-forum.com/saints/SAINTL54.htm</a>	
Blessed Maria Corsini	<a href="http://www.catholic-forum.com/saints/SAINTM1X.htm">www.catholic-forum.com/saints/SAINTM1X.htm</a>	
St. Gianna Molla	<a href="http://www.catholic-forum.com/saints/SAINTGAQ.htm">www.catholic-forum.com/saints/SAINTGAQ.htm</a>	
St. Juan Diego	<a href="http://www.catholic-forum.com/saints/SAINTJEM.htm">www.catholic-forum.com/saints/SAINTJEM.htm</a>	<b>and</b>
	<a href="http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=73">www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=73</a>	
Blessed Bartholomew Longo	<a href="http://www.catholic-forum.com/saints/SAINTB91.htm">www.catholic-forum.com/saints/SAINTB91.htm</a>	
St. Thomas More	<a href="http://www.catholic-forum.com/saints/SAINTT04.htm">www.catholic-forum.com/saints/SAINTT04.htm</a>	<b>and</b>
	<a href="http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=324">www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=324</a>	
St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina	<a href="http://www.catholic-forum.com/saints/SAINTP27.htm">www.catholic-forum.com/saints/SAINTP27.htm</a>	<b>and</b>
	<a href="http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=311">www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=311</a>	
Blessed Fra Angelico	<a href="http://www.catholic-forum.com/saints/SAINTF11.htm">www.catholic-forum.com/saints/SAINTF11.htm</a>	<b>and</b>
	<a href="http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=478">www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=478</a>	
St. Maximilian Kolbe	<a href="http://www.catholic-forum.com/saints/SAINTM01.htm">www.catholic-forum.com/saints/SAINTM01.htm</a>	<b>and</b>
	<a href="http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=370">www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=370</a>	
St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross	<a href="http://www.catholic-forum.com/saints/SAINTT05.htm">www.catholic-forum.com/saints/SAINTT05.htm</a>	<b>and</b>
	<a href="http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=179">www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=179</a>	
St. Theodore Guerin	<a href="http://www.catholic-forum.com/saints/SAINTT26.htm">www.catholic-forum.com/saints/SAINTT26.htm</a>	
St. Therese of Liseux	<a href="http://www.catholic-forum.com/saints/SAINTT02.htm">www.catholic-forum.com/saints/SAINTT02.htm</a>	<b>and</b>
	<a href="http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=105">www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=105</a>	
Blessed Teresa of Calcutta	<a href="http://www.catholic-forum.com/saints/SAINTT1V.htm">www.catholic-forum.com/saints/SAINTT1V.htm</a>	<b>and</b>
	<a href="http://www.catholic.org/clife/teresa/">www.catholic.org/clife/teresa/</a>	
St. Martin De Porres	<a href="http://www.catholic-forum.com/saints/SAINTM02.htm">www.catholic-forum.com/saints/SAINTM02.htm</a>	<b>and</b>
	<a href="http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=306">www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=306</a>	
St. Jose Maria Escriva	<a href="http://www.catholic-forum.com/saints/SAINTJ12.htm">www.catholic-forum.com/saints/SAINTJ12.htm</a>	<b>and</b>
	<a href="http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=5603">www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=5603</a>	
Blessed Pope John XXIII	<a href="http://www.catholic-forum.com/saints/SAINTJEI.htm">www.catholic-forum.com/saints/SAINTJEI.htm</a>	
St. John Vianney (Cure of Ars)	<a href="http://www.catholic-forum.com/saints/SAINTJ18.htm">www.catholic-forum.com/saints/SAINTJ18.htm</a>	<b>and</b>
	<a href="http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=399">www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=399</a>	

Look for your favorite saint or the patron saint of your parish at [www.catholic-forum.com/saints](http://www.catholic-forum.com/saints).

**Discernment stories (2 popes and 8 local priests)** [www.cincinnati vocations.org/hearing\\_others.shtml](http://www.cincinnati vocations.org/hearing_others.shtml)

**Religious Orders Listings and Info**

[www.cincinnati vocations.org/religious\\_orders.shtml](http://www.cincinnati vocations.org/religious_orders.shtml)

[www.catholiccincinnati.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=44&Itemid=170](http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=44&Itemid=170)

**Diaconate websites**

[www.deacons.net/Documents](http://www.deacons.net/Documents)

[www.deaconsplace.info](http://www.deaconsplace.info)

[www.catholiccincinnati.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=blogcategory&id=20&Itemid=75](http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=blogcategory&id=20&Itemid=75)

**Church Writings and Papal Addresses on Vocations**

[www.cincinnati vocations.org/who\\_materials.shtml](http://www.cincinnati vocations.org/who_materials.shtml)

[www.vatican.va/holy\\_father/john\\_paul\\_ii/letters/documents/hf\\_jp-ii LET\\_index-letter-to-priests\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/john_paul_ii/letters/documents/hf_jp-ii LET_index-letter-to-priests_en.html)

[www.vatican.va/holy\\_father/john\\_paul\\_ii/messages/vocations/index.htm](http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/john_paul_ii/messages/vocations/index.htm)

[www.vatican.va/holy\\_father/benedict\\_xvi/messages/vocations/index\\_en.htm](http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/messages/vocations/index_en.htm)



### **St. Lawrence (Deacon and Martyr)**

St. Lawrence was born in Spain in the third century. He was a deacon of the Church and worked in Rome giving help to the poor and needy. In August of 258, the Roman Emperor Valerian had Pope Sixtus II and six other deacons executed for being Christians. A few days later, St. Lawrence was ordered before the Roman authorities with the demand that he bring with him the "treasures of the Church" that the Pope had left in his charge. St. Lawrence gathered together hundreds of Rome's crippled, blind and sick and brought them before the authorities saying "these are the treasures of the Church." He was ordered to a cruel and painful death. On August 10, 258, he was set on a gridiron over a fire and slowly cooked to death. Showing great courage and even a sense of humor, he said to his torturers "Turn me over, I am done on this side."

St. Lawrence's feast day is August 10th, the anniversary of his martyrdom. Among other things, he is a patron of cooks and libraries.

### **Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati (Single)**

Blessed Pier Giorgio was born on April 6, 1901 to a wealthy and powerful family in Turin, Italy. His father was a newspaper editor and ambassador and his mother was an artist. Blessed Pier Giorgio's genuine holiness and athletic skill made him very popular. As a student in college, he was active in many Catholic groups such as the Young Catholic Workers Congress, Catholic Action and the Catholic Student Federation. He took public stands against the rising Fascist government. He joined the Dominican 3rd order in 1922. Privately, he gave away nearly all of his wealth to the poor and needy of Rome. He died of polio on July 4, 1925. When his funeral took place, thousands of the poor that he had helped showed up to pay their respects, to the utter amazement of his family who had known nothing of his charitable works. When his body was dug up in 1981, it was found to be incorrupt.

Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati was beatified on May 20, 1990 and his memorial is July 4th, the anniversary of his death.

### **St. Gianna Beretta Molla (Doctor, Wife and Mother)**

St. Gianna Molla was born on October 4, 1922 in Milan, Italy. Her family was very devout, with 2 brothers becoming priests and one sister a nun. A brilliant student, St. Gianna became a physician and surgeon, graduating in 1949. Later, she focused upon pediatrics and the elderly. Marrying in 1955, she continued to work as a doctor while raising 3 children. When she became pregnant with her 4th child, she was diagnosed with a large ovarian cyst. Her surgeon recommended she get an abortion to save her life, but she refused, caring more for her unborn baby than for herself. A week after giving birth to her daughter, St. Gianna died, April 28, 1962. The daughter grew up to be a doctor and an opponent of abortion, just like her mother, St. Gianna.

St. Gianna Molla was beatified on April 24, 1994 and canonized a saint on May 16, 2004. Her memorial is April 28th, the anniversary of her death.

### **St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina (Religious Order Priest, Stigmatist)**

St. Pio was born Francesco Forgione on May 25, 1887 in Pietrelcina, Italy. He joined the Capuchin order at 19 and was ordained at 23. In 1918, St. Pio received the stigmata, the visible wounds of Christ. Though he tried to hide it with gloves and shoes, people learned that he was a stigmatist. His body bore the stigmata for the rest of his life, the wounds only vanishing weeks before his death. Numerous doctors attested to the miraculous nature of his wounds, in that they caused him great pain, they never healed, and yet they never became infected. St. Pio had many other spiritual gifts including the ability to read the consciences of those confessing to him, being able to tell them the sins they had committed but not mentioned. His fame spread worldwide, with thousands coming to Italy to go to confession to him. Often, the line to confess was so long people had to wait as much as two weeks to see St. Pio. In 1956, St. Pio founded a hospital in St. Giovanni Rotondo.

St. Pio died on September 23, 1968. About 100,000 people attended his funeral. He was beatified on May 2, 1999 and canonized a saint on June 16, 2002, before half a million people. His memorial is September 23rd, the anniversary of his death.

### **Blessed Teresa of Calcutta (Sister and Religious Founder)**

Mother Teresa was born Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu on August 26, 1910 to Albanian parents living in Skopje, Macedonia. In 1928, she moved to Ireland, joining the Sisters of Loreto in Dublin. Shortly afterward, she was sent for her novitiate to India. She made her final profession of vows in May 1937, taking the name Teresa (after Therese of Liseux). On a train ride in September 1946, she received a special call from God to work with the "poorest of the poor." In October of 1950, she founded the Missionaries of Charity religious order to serve in this ministry of helping the poorest people in India. In time, she began opening homes for the dying, orphanages and hospitals around the world. She received numerous awards for her work, including the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979. Her sisters now work in over 30 countries and number over 4,000. Mother Teresa died on September 5, 1997 in Calcutta, India.

Mother Teresa was beatified on October 19, 2003. Her memorial is the anniversary of her death, September 5th.

### **St. Martin de Porres (Religious Brother)**

St. Martin de Porres was born on December 9, 1579 in Lima, Peru. He was the illegitimate son of a Spanish gentleman and a freed black slave from Panama. As a boy, St. Martin became a servant in the Dominican priory in Lima. He performed numerous duties at the priory, including being a barber, caring for the sick and poor, and begging for funds from the rich. In 1603, St. Martin took vows, becoming a Dominican Brother. Over the years, he became known for numerous cures of gravely ill individuals under his care. He founded an orphanage, a children's hospital for the poor, and a shelter for sick animals. He lived an extremely austere life of prayer and fasting. He had a special devotion to the Holy Eucharist. He died of a fever on November 3, 1639 in Lima.

St. Martin was canonized a saint on May 16, 1962, the first black saint from the Americas. His memorial occurs on the anniversary of his death, November 3rd. St. Martin is the patron saint of African-Americans and of barbers.

### **St. John Mary Vianney (Diocesan Priest, Confessor)**

St. John Vianney was born May 8, 1786 in Lyons, France. A poor student, he struggled to complete his seminary training. In 1818 he was sent to a tiny parish in the village of Ars. Prior to his arrival, Holy Mass attendance had been declining. St. John began traveling about his parish, visiting his parishioners and tending to the sick and poor. He spent long hours in prayer. In time, his efforts paid off as the flock came enthusiastically back to Christ. His reputation for holiness and wise counsel grew. In particular, people from all over France and eventually from around the world began traveling to see him for confession. He spent about 16 hours each day hearing confessions, mostly from pilgrims. Privately, he had great struggles with torments from the devil, but outwardly he was always patient and kind. Large numbers of unrepentant sinners were converted back to the faith after meeting with him. He died in Ars on August 4, 1859.

St. John was beatified on January 8, 1905 and canonized a saint on May 31, 1925. His memorial occurs on the anniversary of his death, August 4th. St. John Vianney is the patron saint of parish priests.