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St. Alphege was born in England in 953. He was a monk, then became a hermit and eventually succeeded the bishop of Winchester. He

served in that capacity for over two decades.

The king utilized Alphege to mediate a conflict with invading Danes.

During the mediation, he converted their chieftan, Anlaf, to Christianity. Sometime later Alphege was captured and held for ransom. He was killed in captivity.

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St. Andrew the Tribune is known as the Great Martyr and was a leader of converts in the Roman Army.

Andrew and his men faced a battle against the Persians and called upon Christ for aid. They were victorious.

Andrew and some of his troops became Christians and were discharged from military service.

They were baptized by Bishop Peter of Caesarea and arrested by military leaders and executed in the Taurus Mountains of Cilicia.

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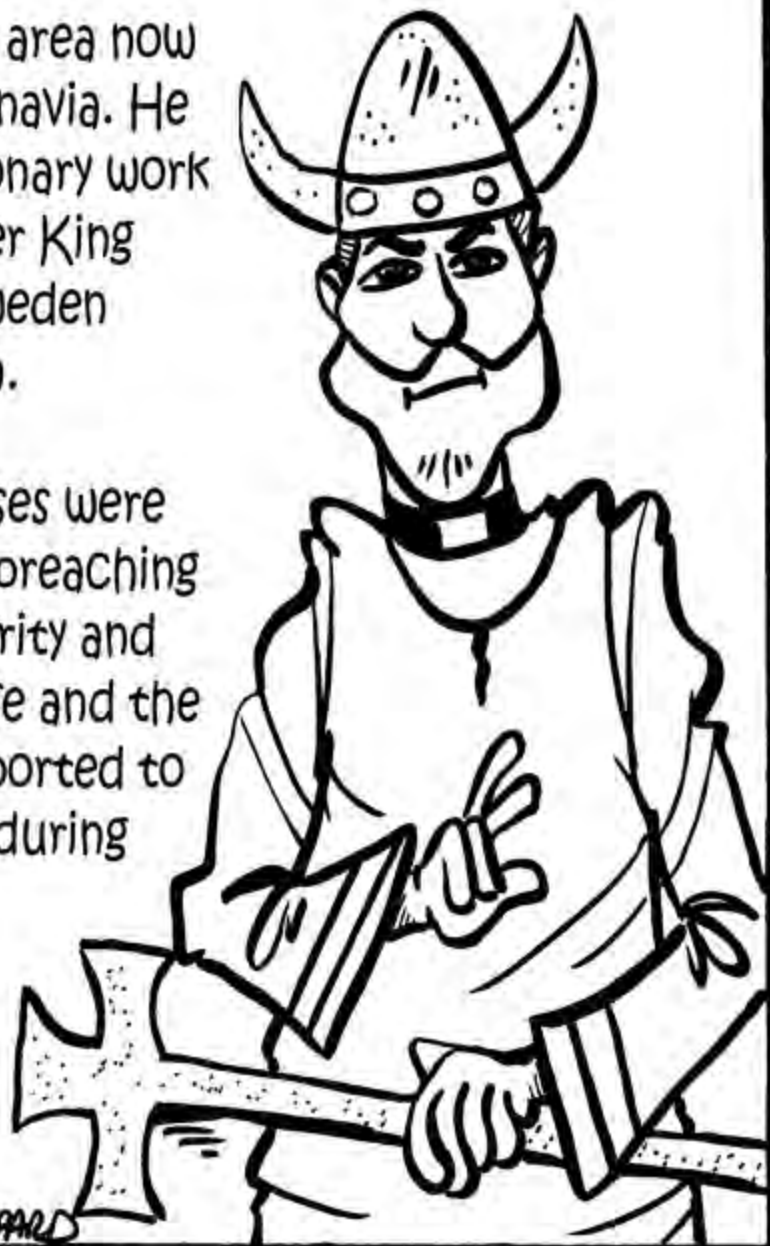
by John Sheppard

St. Ansgar is known as the "Apostle of the North."

He was the first missionary in the area now known as Scandinavia. He engaged in missionary work in Denmark under King Harold and in Sweden under King Bjorn.

Ansgar's successes were due to his great preaching ability, the austerity and holiness of his life and the miracles he is reported to have performed during his life.

His feast day is February 3rd.



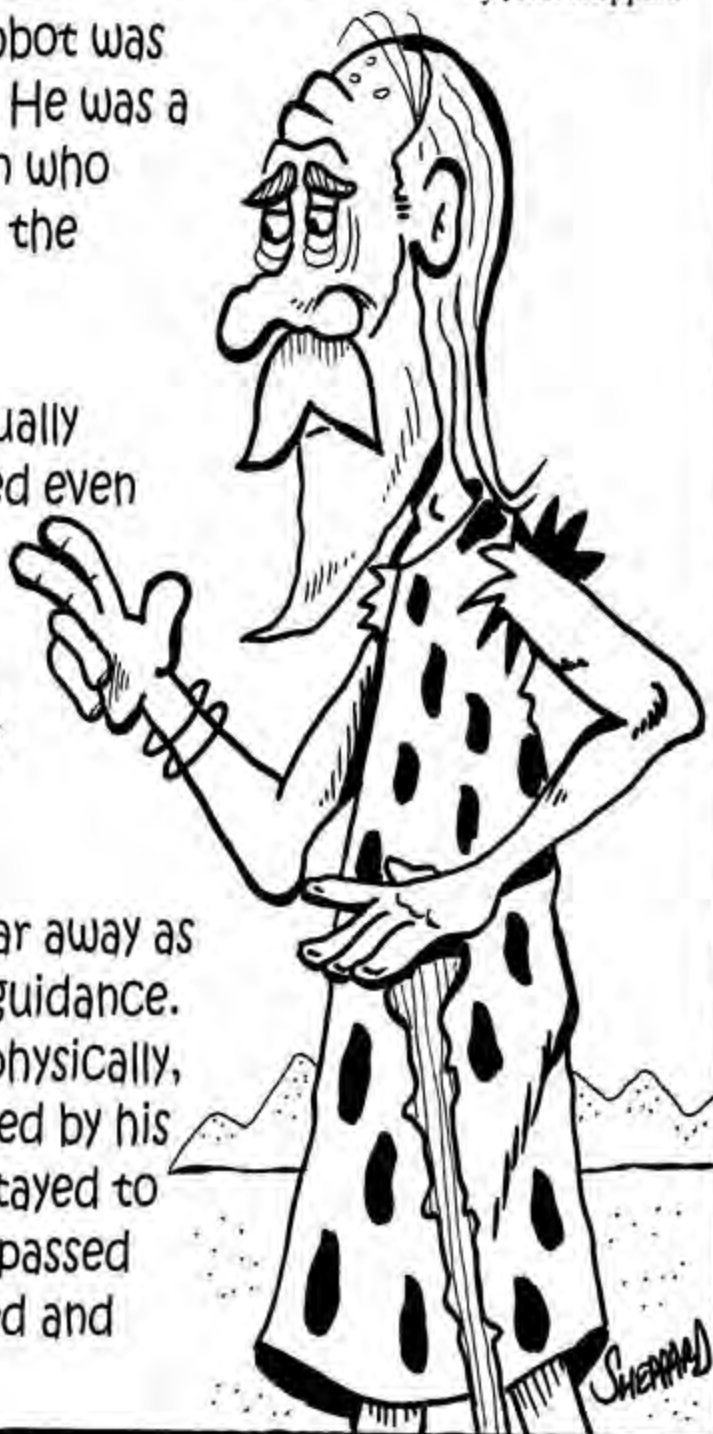
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St. Anthony the Abbot was an Egyptian hermit. He was a very spiritual person who believed in LIVING the Jesus life.

When people eventually found him, he moved even further away, eating only bread and water, praying, fasting and wearing skins as clothing.

Wise men from as far away as Greece sought his guidance. Some were healed physically, many were comforted by his words and others stayed to learn from him. He passed away at one hundred and five years old.



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St. Bernardine worked in the largest hospital in Siena, caring for plague victims, giving his all in this task. After then caring for a sick relative, Berbardine joined the Franciscans and was ordained in 1404.

He criss crossed Italy on foot, preaching several times a day. He died at age 64 in 1444.



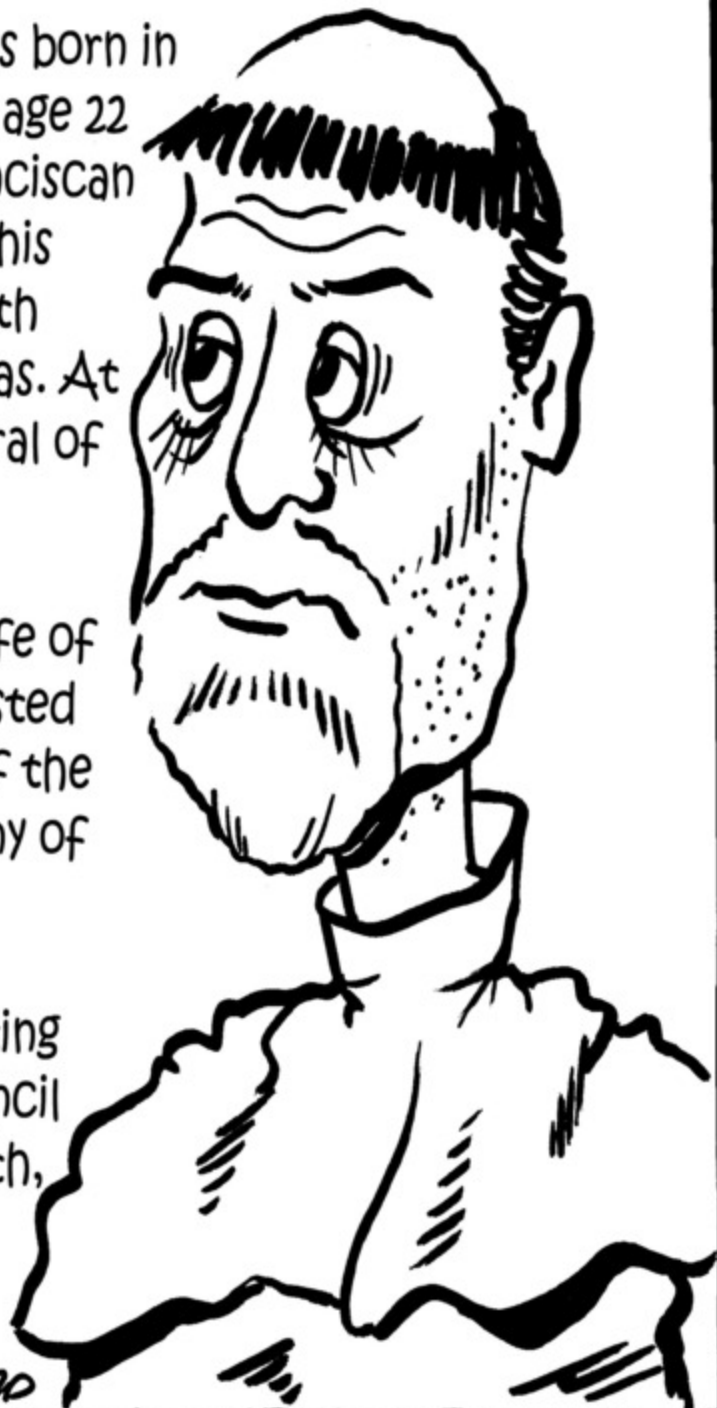
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St. Bonaventure was born in Tuscany in 1221. At age 22 he entered the Franciscan order. He received his Doctorate along with St. Thomas Aquinas. At age 35 he was General of his order.

He composed the life of St. Francis and assisted in the translation of the relics of St. Anthony of Padua.

He died while assisting at the Second Council of Lyons on July 15th, 1274.



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Brigid was raised by Druids in Ireland and as a child heard St. Patrick preach.

She never forgot that and it was St. Patrick who heard her final vows upon entering into the convent.

She founded a double monastery in Kildare, an art school and many convents all over Ireland.

Her extraordinary spirituality, Charity and Compassion for those distressed were legendary.



St. Brigid of Ireland

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St. Bruno was born in Cologne and studied at the Cathedral in Rheims. He was ordained in 1055 and became a professor of theology.

He was one of the most remarkable scholars and teachers of his time. He and six companions built a monastery and founded the Carthusians order in 1084. They embraced poverty, manual labor, prayer and transcribing manuscripts.

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Their fame spread and Bruno became an advisor to the Pope.

After 6 years he founded St. Mary's monastery in Calabria. He passed away in 1101.



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St. Celestine was a hermit for many years. He devoted his life to God and prayed and copied books while helping other hermits. He even formed his own Order. The holy man was elected Pope when he was 84 years old. He was a kind and simple man and many took advantage of him. He served only 5 months before resigning his position. To avoid other from taking further advantage of him, he lived in the Vatican until his death.



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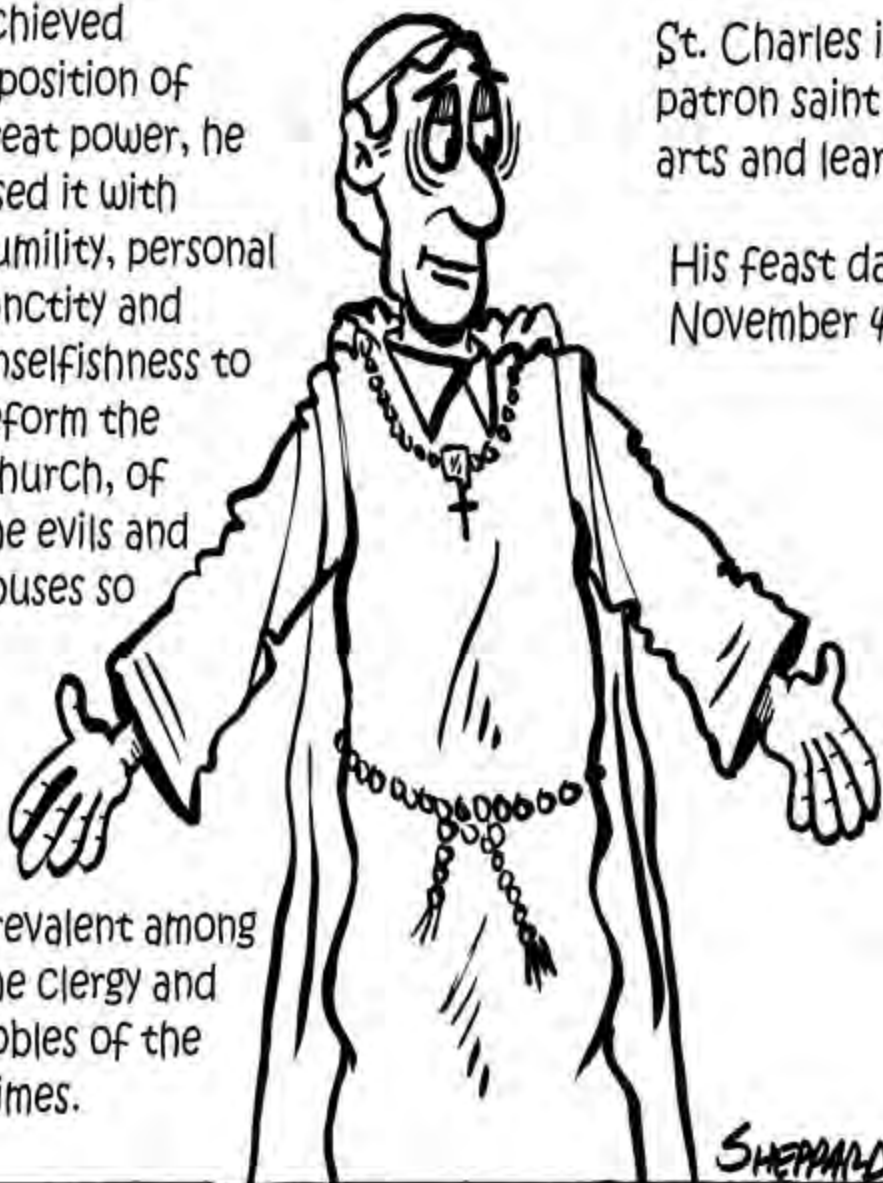
St. Charles Borromeo was one of the towering figures of the Catholic Reformation.

Though he achieved a position of great power, he used it with humility, personal sanctity and unselfishness to reform the Church, of the evils and abuses so

prevalent among the clergy and nobles of the times.

St. Charles is the patron saint of the arts and learning.

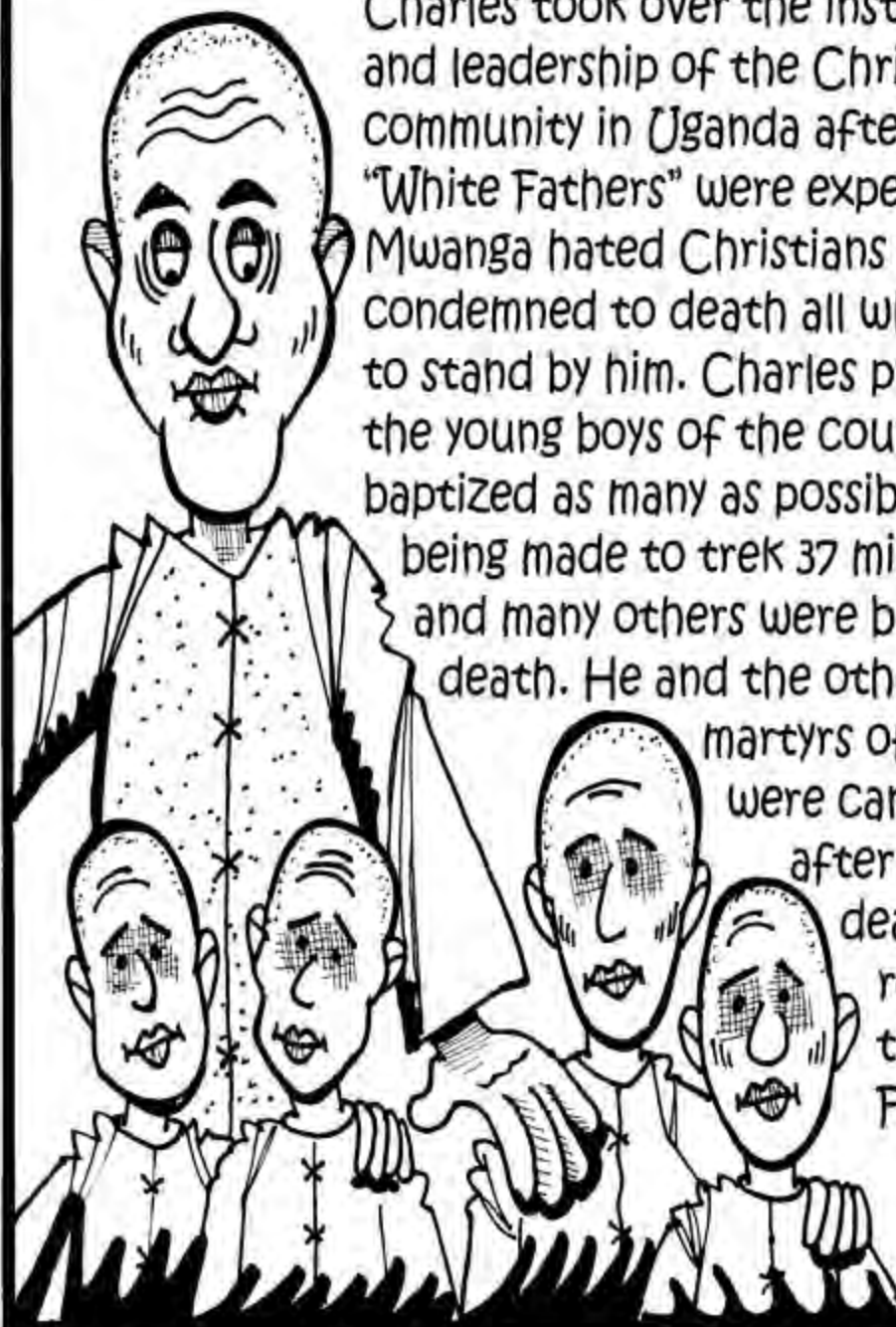
His feast day is November 4th.



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Charles took over the instruction and leadership of the Christian community in Uganda after the "White Fathers" were expelled. King Mwanga hated Christians and condemned to death all who refused to stand by him. Charles protected the young boys of the court and baptized as many as possible. After being made to trek 37 miles, Charles and many others were burnt to death. He and the other Catholic martyrs of Ugansa were canonized after Mwanga's death and the return of the White Fathers.



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St. Clare was the foundress of the "Poor Clares", an order of nuns. After listening to St. Francis of Assisi preach, she was moved to imitate him and serve Jesus. St. Francis himself cut her hair short and gave her a rough brown robe to wear.

She and her fellow nuns wore no shoes, ate no meat lived in a poor house and kept silent most times.

She carried the Blessed Sacrament to the walls of the convent to ward off attackers. She dropped to her knees and prayed and the attack was aborted. Her feast day is August 11th.



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St. Cyril was a deacon, a priest and then became bishop of Jerusalem after Maximus died. During a famine, Cyril sold church goods to raise money for the poor.

for himself
He was
years and

He was accused of stealing
and was banished three times.
finally cleared after eleven
returned to Palestine.



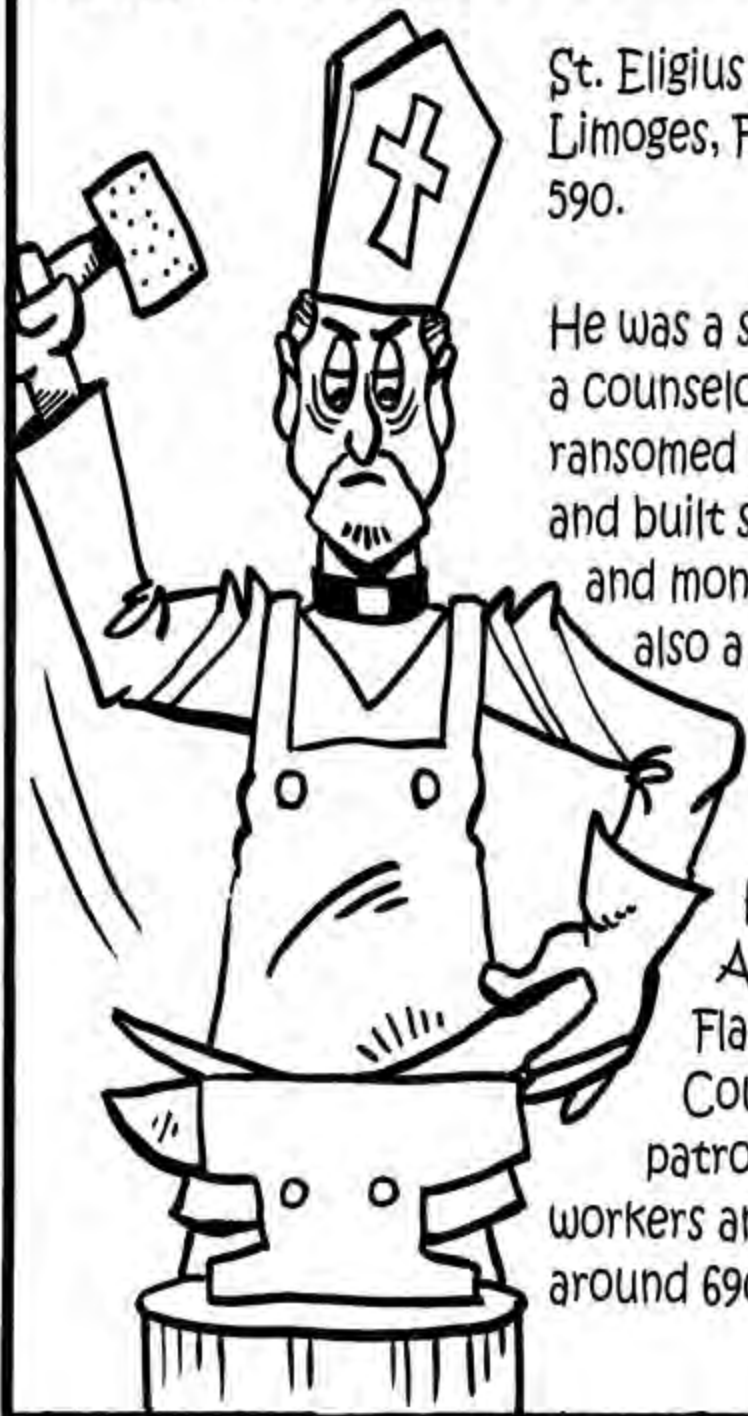
Cyril is known as one of the Early
Church
Doctor of

Fathers, a
the
Catholic
Church
and for his
defense of
of the
Catholic
Faith.

Born: 315
Died: 387

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St. Eligius was born near Limoges, France around 590.

He was a skilled metalsmith, a counselor to the king, he ransomed numerous slaves and built several churches and monasteries. He was also a priest and then later became a bishop.

He preached in Antwerp, Ghent, Flanders and Courtal. He is the patron of metal workers and passed away around 690 at Novon.

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St. Ephram was born in Mesopotamia in the early fourth century. He was a teacher and a deacon and wrote hymns to counteract the heresies rampant at that time.

He lived an ascetic and celibate life in his last years and devoted much of his time to prayer and good deeds. He organized the distribution of food in the famine of 372.

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St. Eusebius of Vercelli learned how to stand as a Christian from his father, who died a martyr. Serving the Church well as a lector, the Pope appointed him to preside over a council between Arians and Christians. He was so horrified at the Arians for forcing their will on the Christians, he slammed the Nicene Creed down and demanded everyone sign it before continuing.



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St. Finbar was born in Connaught, Ireland and was educated by monks.

He preached in Scotland and southern Ireland, lived as a hermit, founded a monastery and was the first bishop of Cork.

His monastery was very famous and attracted numerous disciples. Many miracles have been attributed to him and supposedly, the sun did not set for two weeks after he passed away!



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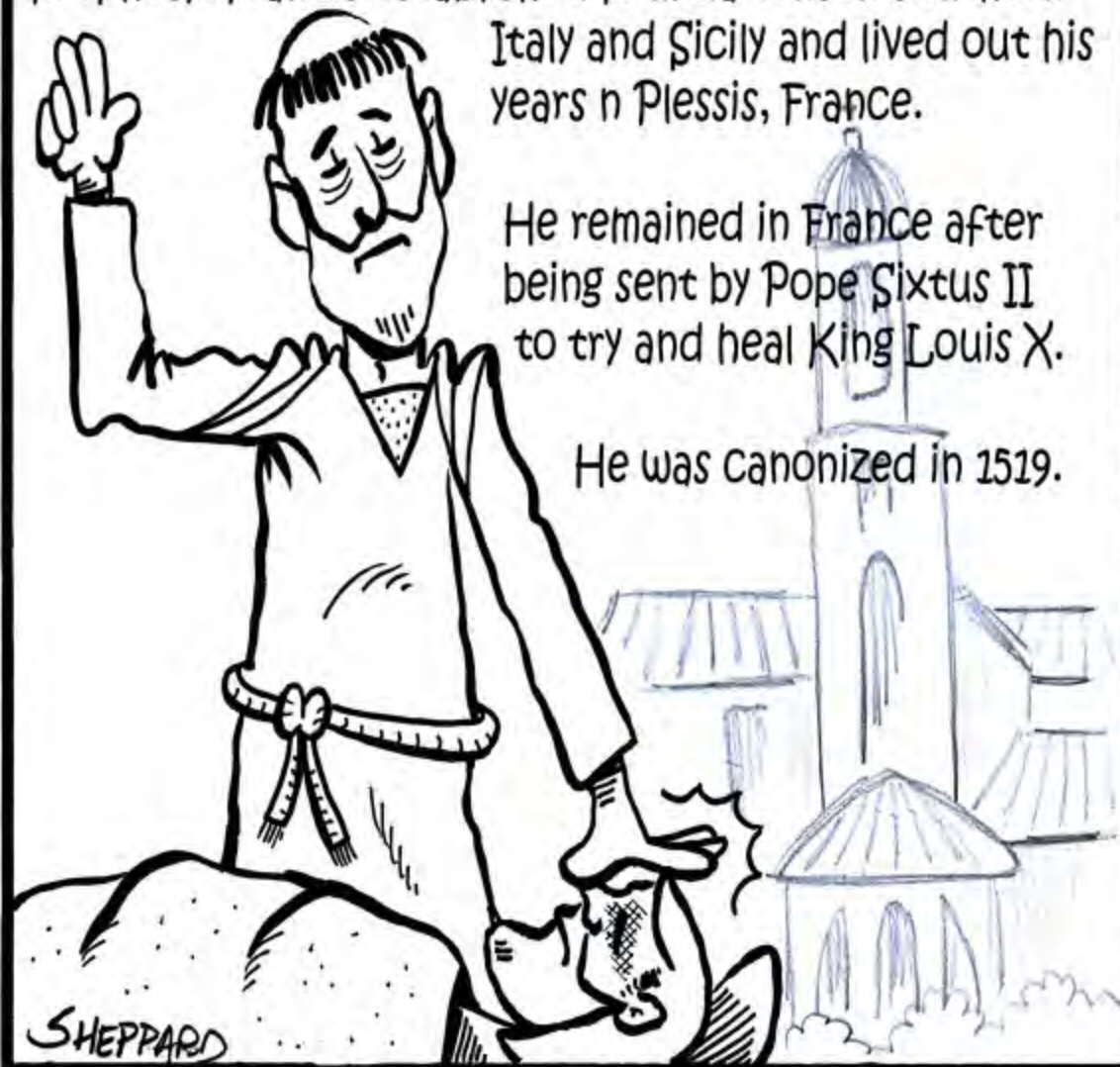
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St. Francis of Paola was an Italian hermit and founder of a community known as the Minim Friars.

He was credited with miracles and the gift of prophesy. Francis established foundations in southern Italy and Sicily and lived out his years in Plessis, France.

He remained in France after being sent by Pope Sixtus II to try and heal King Louis X.

He was canonized in 1519.



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St. George was a soldier in Diocletian's army. The emperor hated Christians and killed any he came across. George was also a soldier in the army of Christ and scolded the emperor for being cruel and resigned from the Roman army. For this he was tortured and beheaded. He is revered by soldiers everywhere and is usually depicted fighting a dragon (enemies of Christ).



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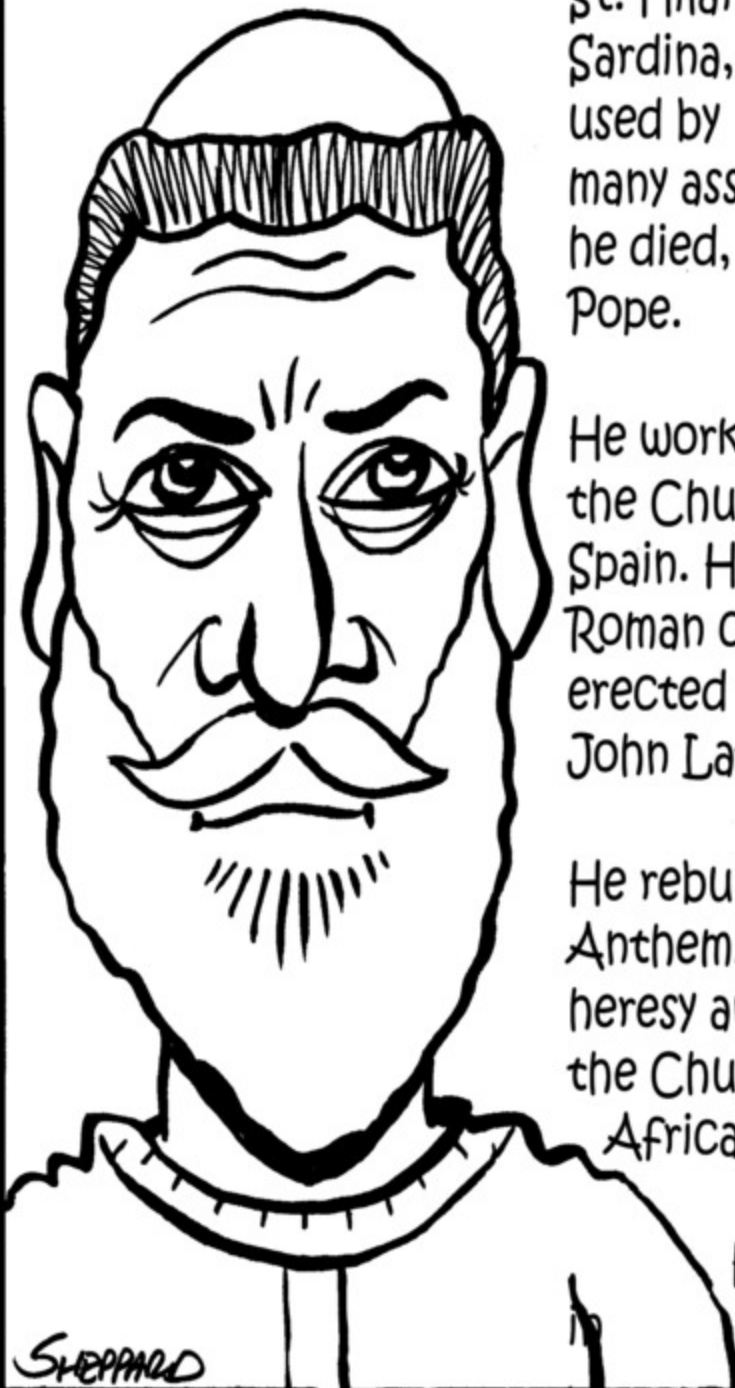
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St. Hilary was born in Sardina, Italy. Hilary was used by Pope St. Leo I on many assignments and when he died, Hilary was elected Pope.

He worked to strengthen the Church in France and Spain. He also rebuilt many Roman churches and erected the chapel of St. John Lateran.

He rebuked the Emperor Anthemius for supporting heresy and consolidated the Church in Sardinia, Africa and Gaul.

He died in Rome.



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St. Ignatius of Loyola was born in Spain. He was a soldier in the Spanish Army in wars against the French.

After the military he studied the saints and decided to be a soldier of the catholic faith. He finished his degree at age 43 and along with St. Francis Xavier, started The Society of Jesus, or Jesuits.

He died at the age of 65

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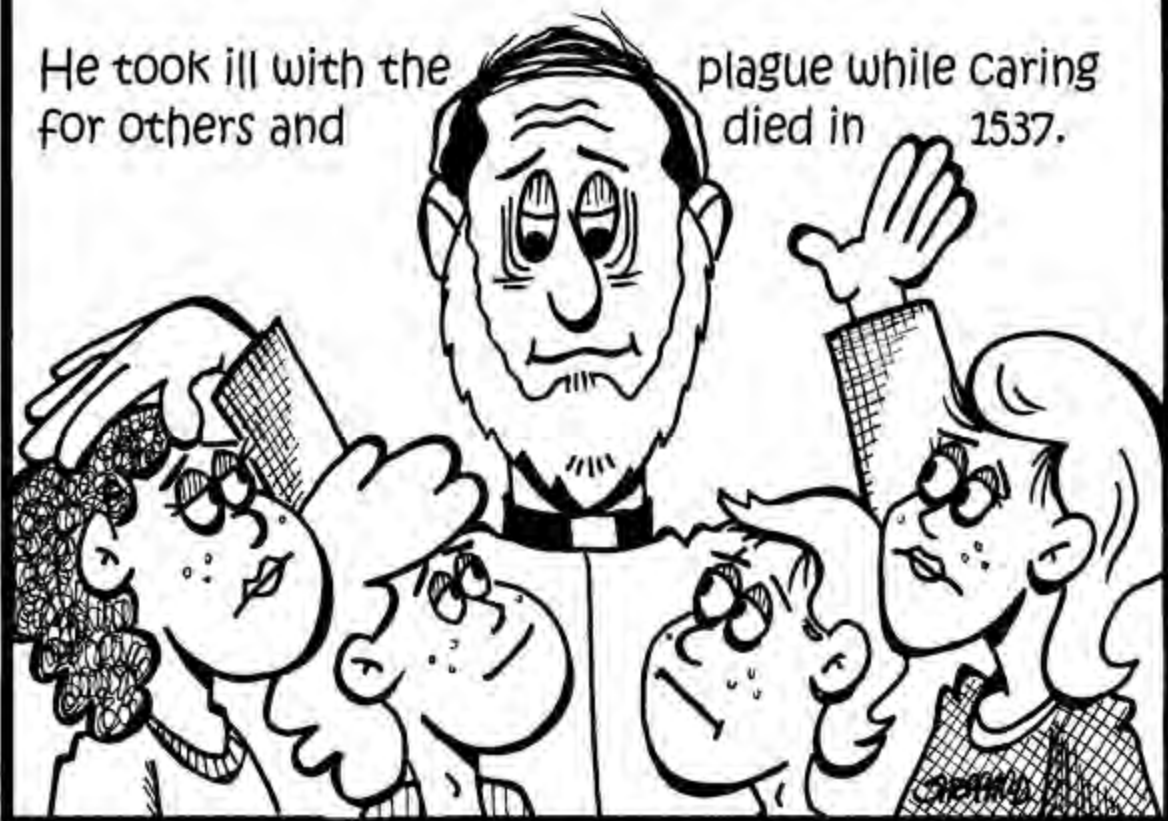
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Imprisoned for years, he embraced God. He later returned to Venice and studied to be a priest. He devoted himself to the poor, the suffering and especially the orphans. He became their family.

He committed his life to helping them. He founded orphanages, hospitals, schools and shelters.

He took ill with the plague while caring for others and died in 1537.



St. Jerome Emiliani

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St. Joan of Arc is the patroness of the military and of France. As a 17 year old, she was given a small army and won many battles supporting the French king. She was captured by the Burgundians and sold to the British, was accused, tried and convicted of heresy and condemned to death.



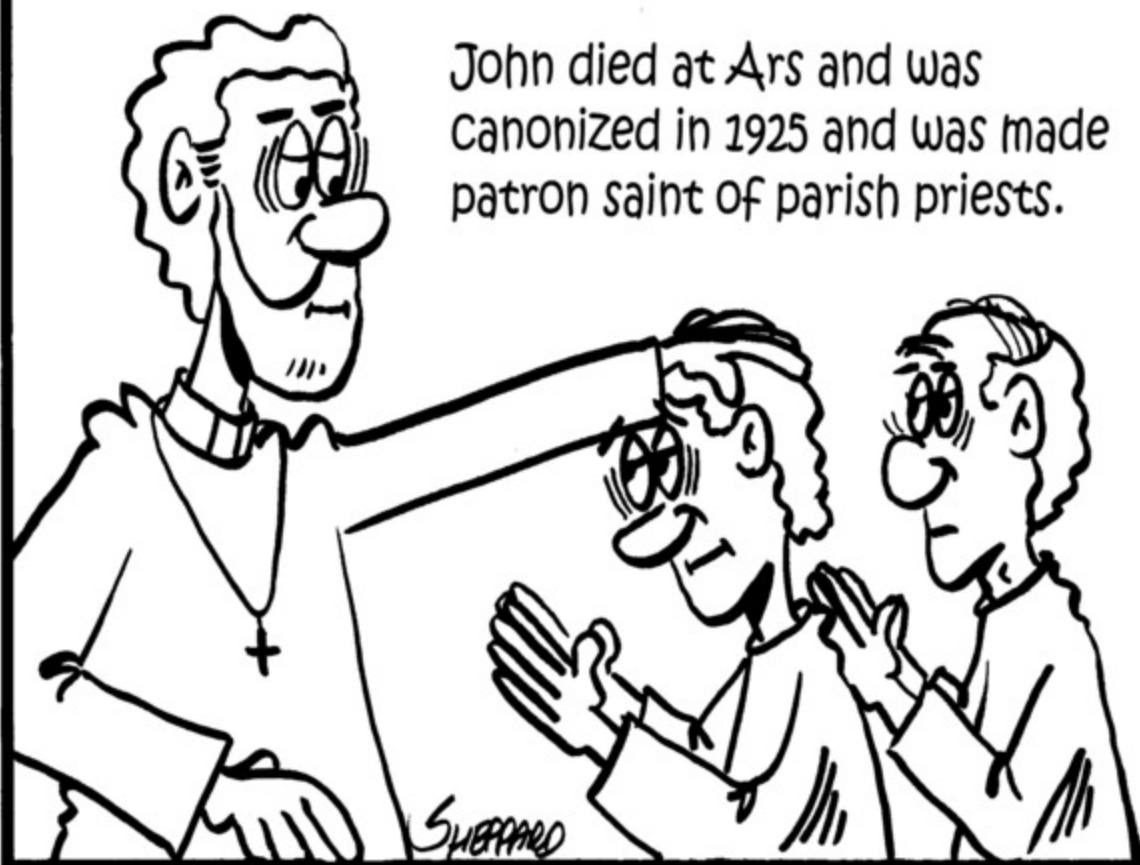
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St John Baptist Vianney was born in France in 1786. After being drafted into the Army, he deserted and returned home and entered the seminary in 1813.

He was assigned to Ecully and in 1818 he became Cure, as pastor of Ars. He worked 16 to 18 hours a day working in the confessional, administering the Sacrament of Penance, or Reconciliation.

John died at Ars and was canonized in 1925 and was made patron saint of parish priests.



SAINTS FUN FACTS

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St. John Neumann was born in Bohemia in 1811. He tried becoming a priest but was rejected due to an overage of ordinations in Europe.

A bishop in NY accepted him and assigned him to western New York state. He spent most of his time traveling village to village visiting the sick, teaching and celebrating Mass.

As bishop of Philadelphia he founded the first Diocesan Catholic school. He also increased the number of schools in the diocese from 2 to 100. John passed away in 1860 at the age of 48.

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St. John of Capistrano was born in Italy in 1385. He practiced law and was appointed governor of Perugia. He studied under the Franciscans and began preaching in 1420 all through eastern Europe and Russia.

He was appointed by the Pope to lead a large Christian army against Mohammed II. The invaders were defeated in the battle of Belgrade.

Worn out from the battle, he was taken by the bubonic plague. He died in 1486 in the Franciscan Monastery of Villach, Austria.

He is known as the "Soldier Saint" and is patron of judges, lawyers and military chaplains.

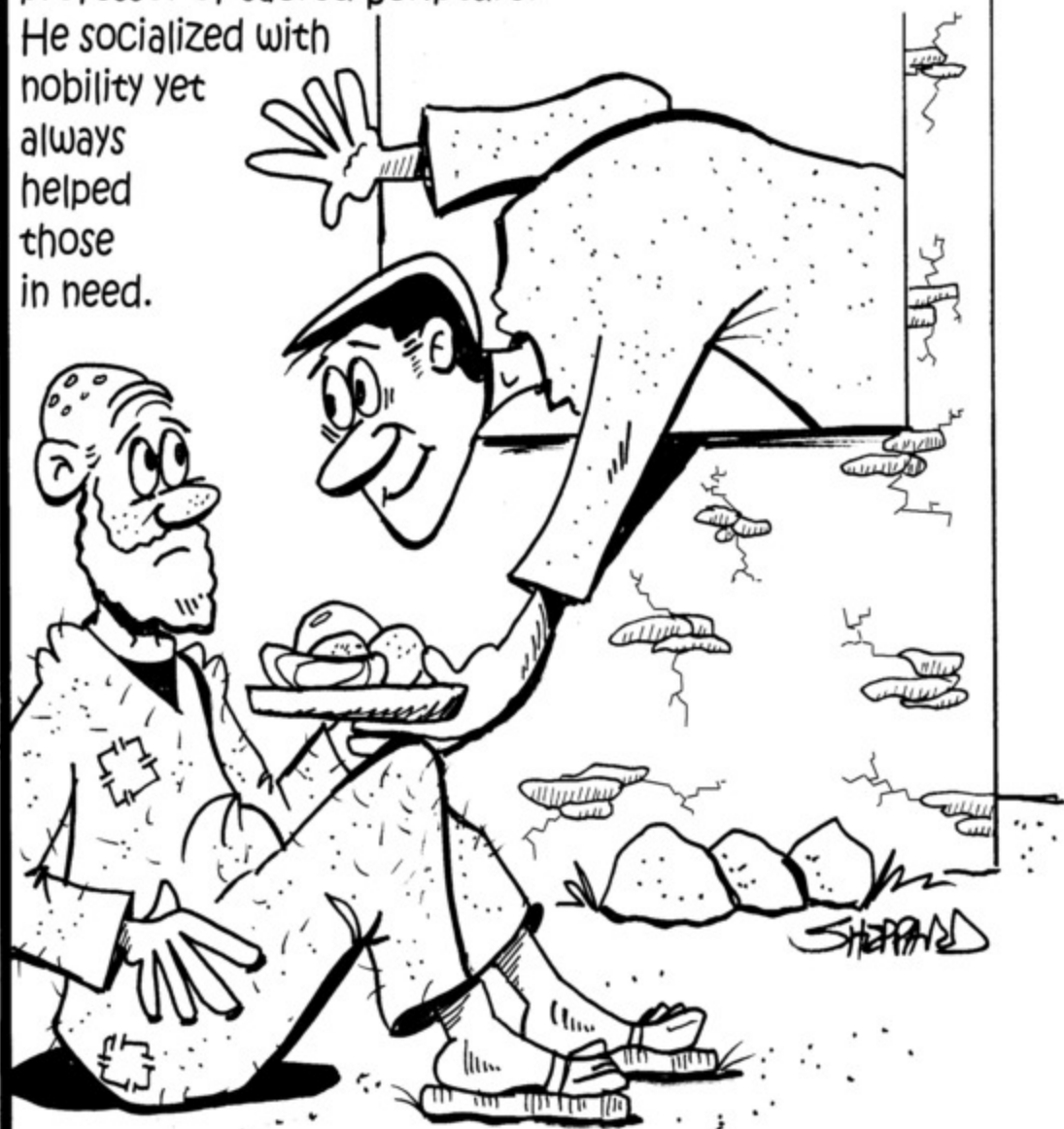


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After retrning from 8 years "in disgrace" to Cracow,
St. John of Kanty had a distinguished career as a
professor of sacred Scripture.

He socialized with
nobility yet
always
helped
those
in need.



SAINTS FUN FACTS

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St. John of Sahagun was born in Leon, Spain. He was educated by the Benedictine monks and was ordained in 1445. He was a prolific preacher and spiritual director.

Hmmm ... let's
see what he says.

He was famous for his miracles
and for having the gift of
reading men's souls.



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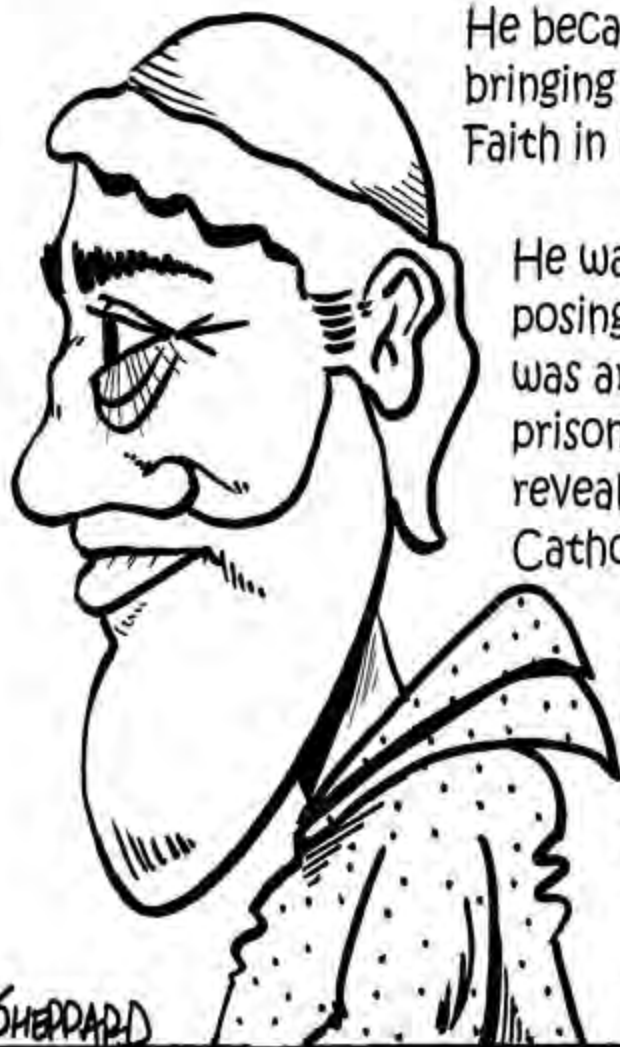
St. John Ogilvie was born in Scotland in 1579 to a very prominent Scottish family. At age 17 he became a Catholic and attended several schools, eventually seeking entrance into the Jesuit community.

He became very successful in bringing many people to the Faith in his native Scotland.

He was betrayed by one posing as a Catholic and was arrested. While in prison, he was tortured to reveal the names of other Catholics.

He refused and was convicted of high treason and condemned to death.

He died in 1615 at 36.



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When he was 30 years old he began preaching on the banks of the Jordan river against the evils of the time. He attracted very large crowds.

He called men to penance and baptism for the "kingdom of Heaven" was close at hand.

*It is I
who should be
baptized by
You.*



John the Baptist

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A Carpenter, a humble man, loving husband and a father. Without question, he heeded God in his dreams to save his family. He respected God and followed his commands. He was also compassionate and caring. He died before Jesus' public life with

Mary and Jesus close by, the way we all would like to leave this earth.

He is the patron of the universal church, Carpenters and fathers.



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As a councillor, he provided a proper burial for Christ by requesting His body from Pilate. Believed to secretly being a disciple of Jesus, he was also a prominent figure in the legends surrounding the Holy Grail. He was termed a 'righteous and virtuous man' in the New testament. He is credited with building the first church on the isle of Glastonbury.

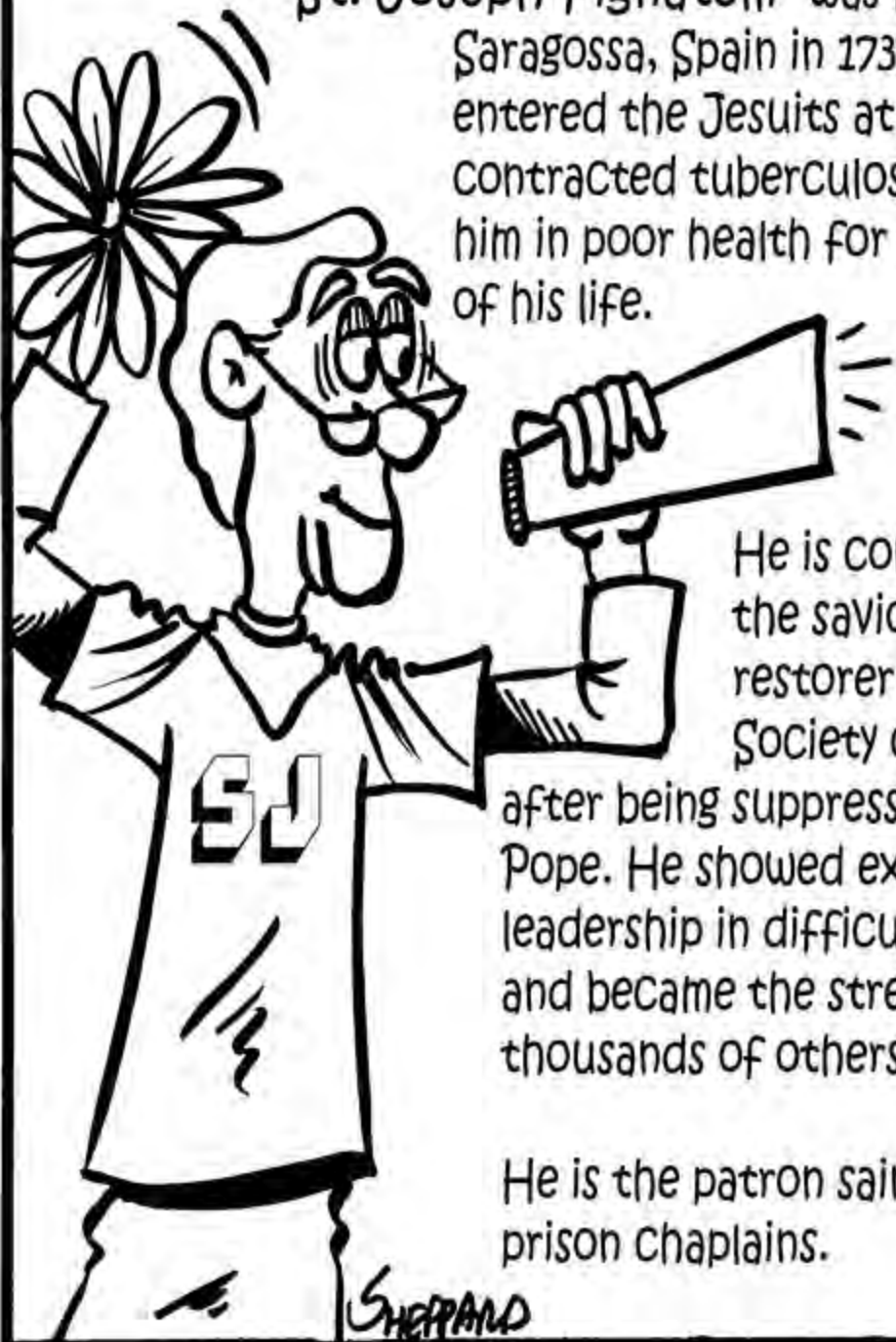


St. Joseph of Arimathea

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St. Joseph Pignatelli was born in Saragossa, Spain in 1737. He entered the Jesuits at 16 and contracted tuberculosis, leaving him in poor health for the rest of his life.



He is considered the savior and restorer of the Society of Jesus after being suppressed by the Pope. He showed exceptional leadership in difficult times and became the strength of thousands of others.

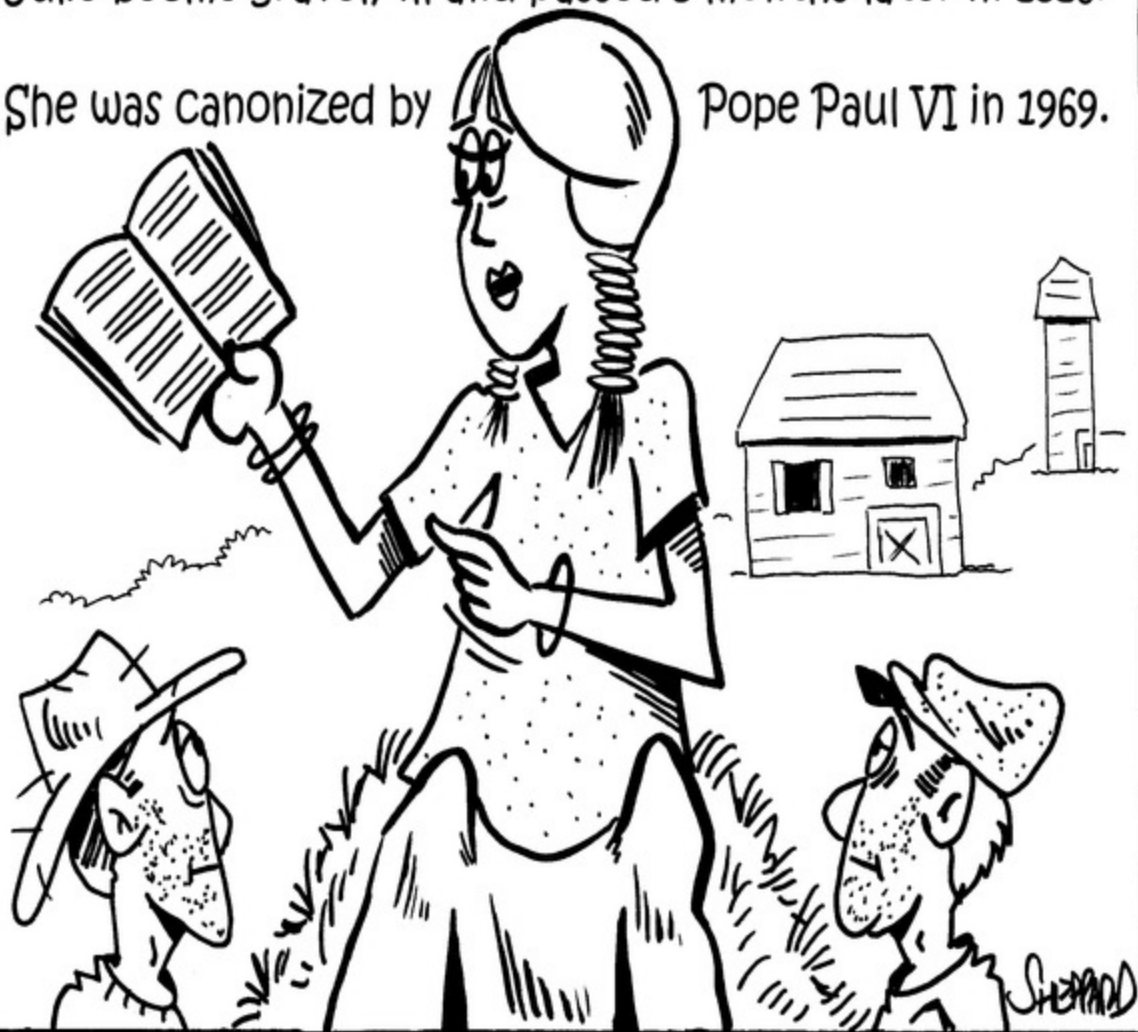
He is the patron saint of prison chaplains.

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St. Julie of Billiart was born in 1751 in France. As a child she preached the gospel to farm workers to help support her family. Julie and a rich companion founded the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur. After nursing the wounded and hungry from the Battle of Waterloo, Julie became gravely ill and passed 3 months later in 1816.

She was canonized by Pope Paul VI in 1969.

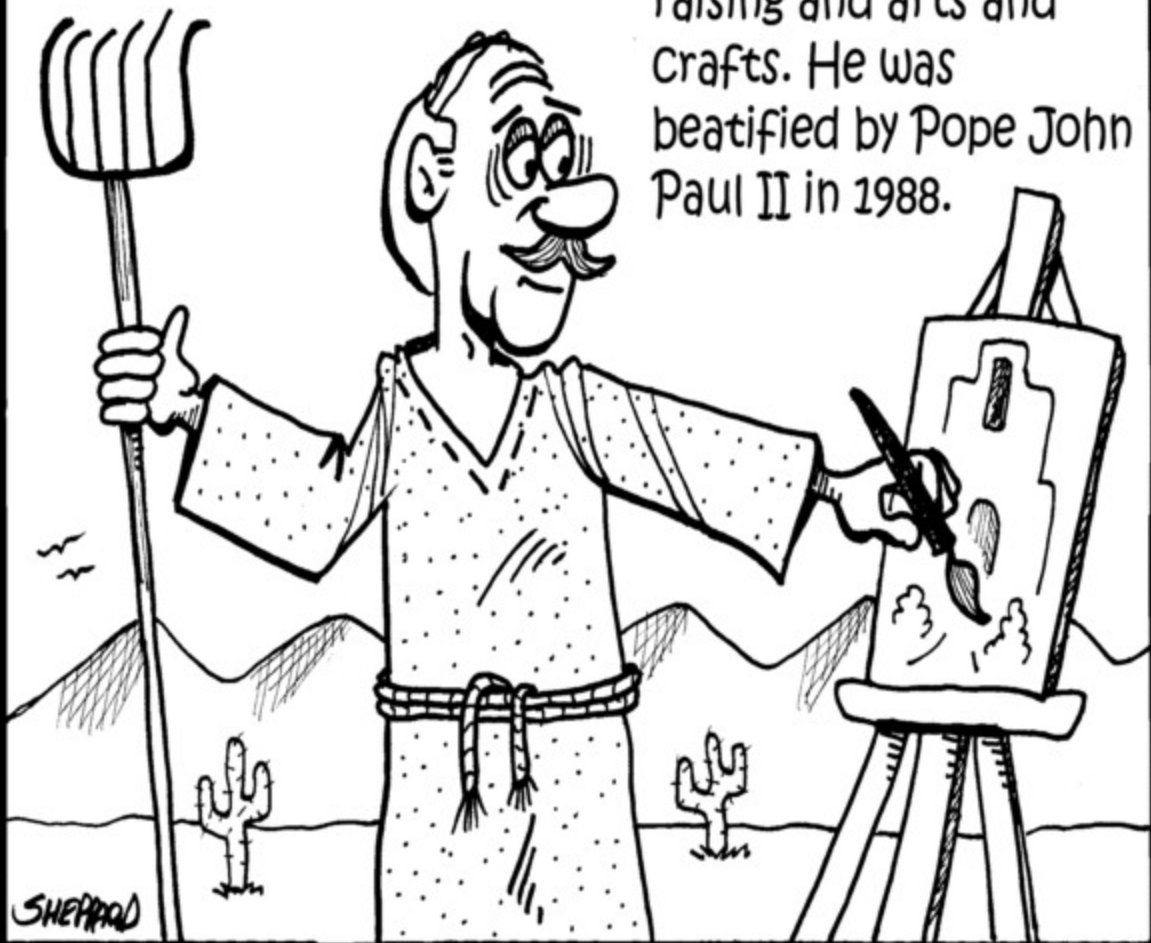


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Bl. Junipero Serra was born on the island of Majorca in 1713. He became a Franciscan and traveled to Mexico in 1750 where he spent the rest of his life. He was a large part of the foundation and spread of the Church in the western USA. He founded 21 missions and converted thousands of Indians. He taught the converts about agriculture, cattle

raising and arts and crafts. He was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1988.



SAINTS FUN FACTS

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St. Katherine Drexel was born in Philadelphia in 1858. She took an avid interest in the well being of black and native Americans. She began by donating money but soon realized more was necessary.

She founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Black and Native American peoples, dedicating her life and fortune of \$20 million to this work.

She opened the first mission school for Indians and many others for blacks in the south. She founded Xavier University in New Orleans.

Katherine became only the 2nd recognized American born saint in 2000.



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St. Leander was born in Cartagena, Spain. He was brother to Fulgentius, Isidore and Florentina, all saints themselves!

He first became a monk and then in 579 became bishop of Seville, where he founded a center for learning and orthodoxy. His main efforts were directed to the conversion of Spain.

The saintly bishop also composed an influential Rule for nuns and was the first to introduce the Nicene Creed at the Mass.

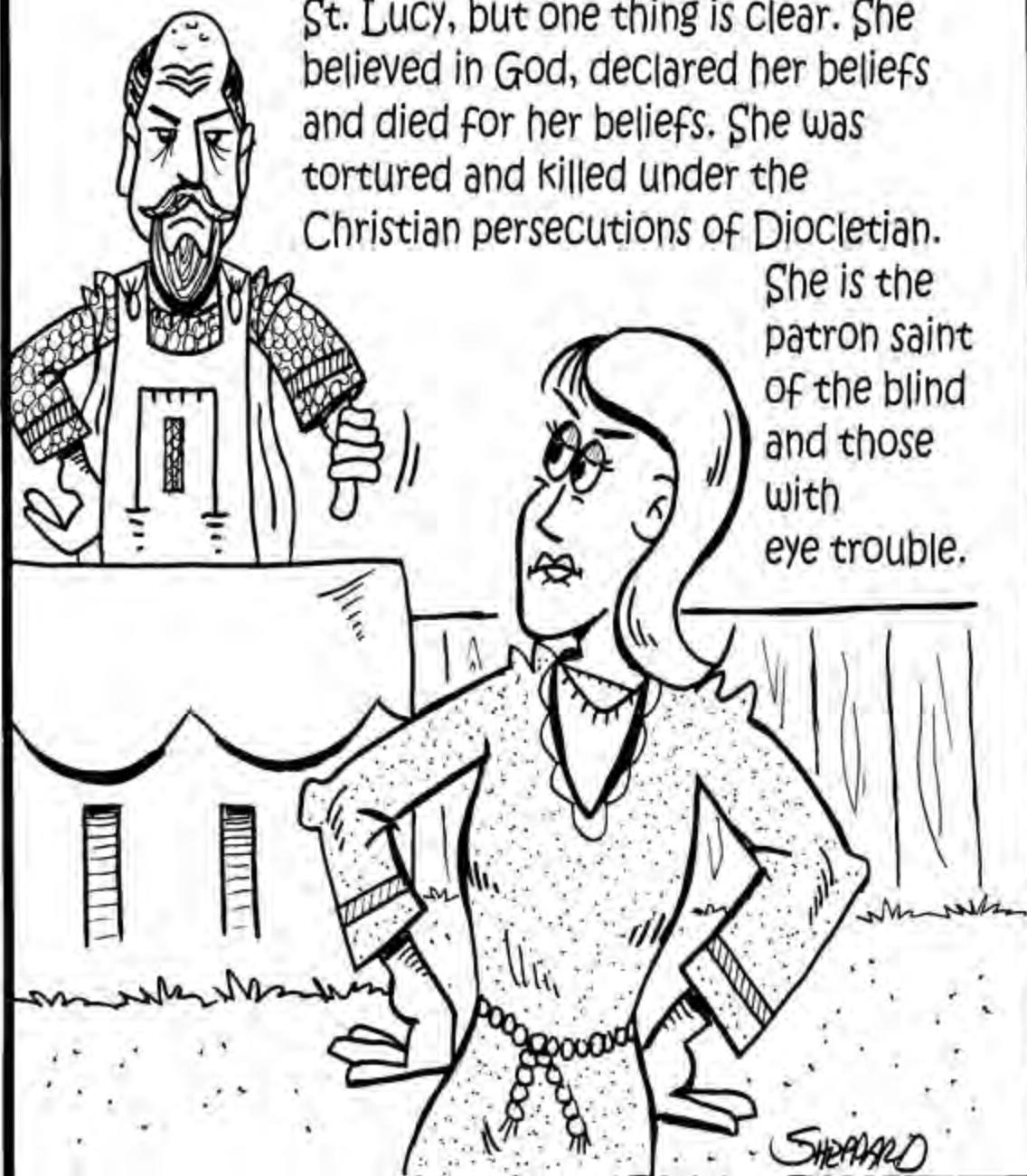


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There is much legend surrounding St. Lucy, but one thing is clear. She believed in God, declared her beliefs and died for her beliefs. She was tortured and killed under the Christian persecutions of Diocletian.

She is the patron saint of the blind and those with eye trouble.



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St. Luke was born in Syria and trained as a physician. He was also one of the most extensive writers of the New Testament. In addition to his gospels, he also wrote the 'Acts of the Apostles.'

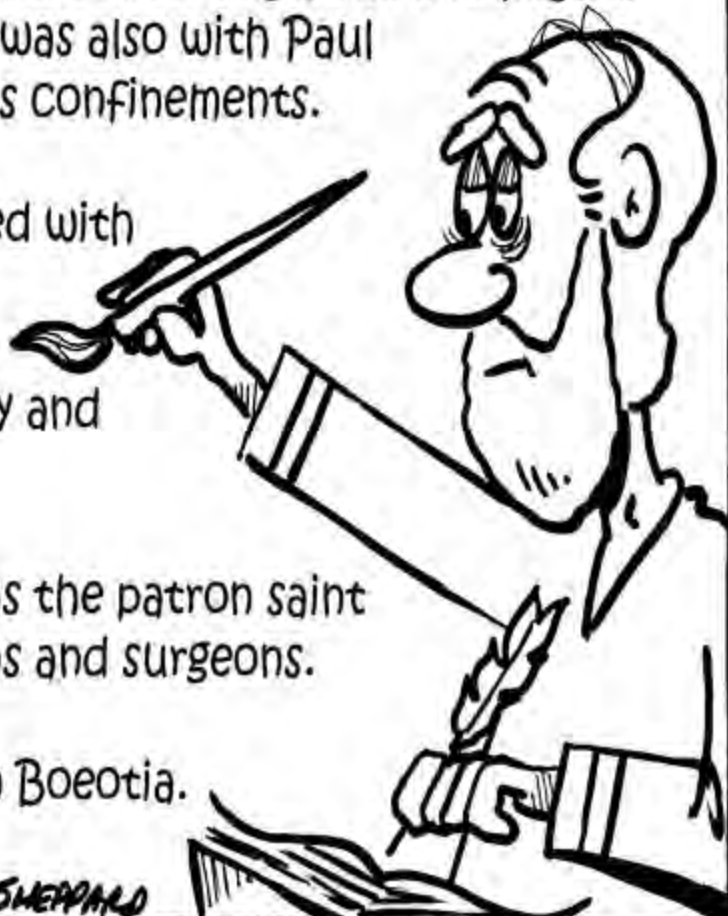
He was one of 'the seventy' and worked with St. Paul, traveling to Rome and converting Jews and pagans to Christianity. He was also with Paul during several of his confinements.

Luke is also credited with being a prolific painter, creating many works of Mary and Jesus.

St. Luke is known as the patron saint of artists, physicians and surgeons.

He died at age 84 in Boeotia.

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St. Margaret D'Youville was born in Quebec, Canada.

As a young widow with 3 children, she devoted much of her time performing charitable activities. She founded the Grey Nuns in 1737 and she took over as director of the General Hospital in

Montreal. The Grey Nuns established schools, hospitals and orphanages throughout Canada, the U.S., Africa and South America. They are famous for their work among the Eskimos.



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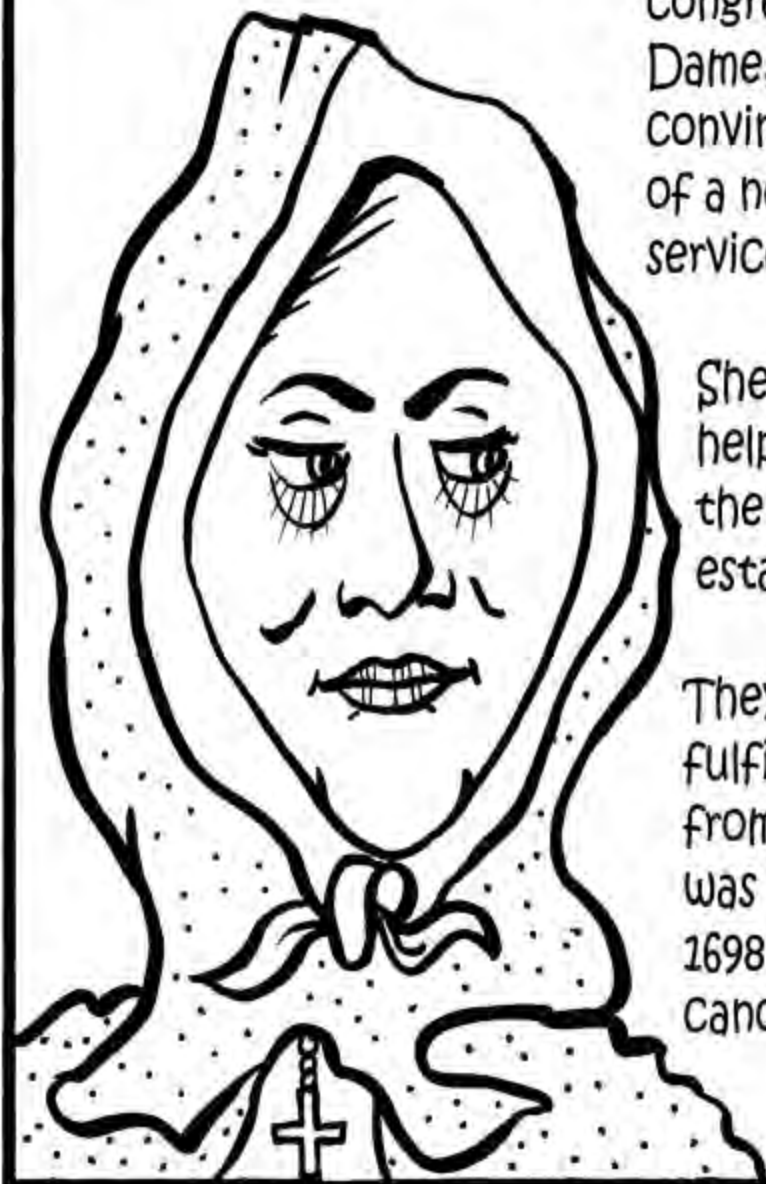
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St. Margueritte served in the Canadian wilderness for many years. She survived Indian attacks, fires and plagues. Resisting efforts for recall back to the

congregation of Notre Dame, Margueritte convinced the bishop of a need for her services in Montreal.

She and her sisters helped minister at the hospitals and established schools.

They lived in huts fulfilling their call from God. Her Rule was made official in 1698. She was canonized in 1982.



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St. Maria Goretti forgave her attacker on her deathbed. One night during his 27 years in prison, her attacker dreamt of Maria giving him flowers. Upon awakening, he repented his life of crime and sought the forgiveness of Maria's mother after his release from prison. She is the patron saint of youth, young women, purity and victims of rape.



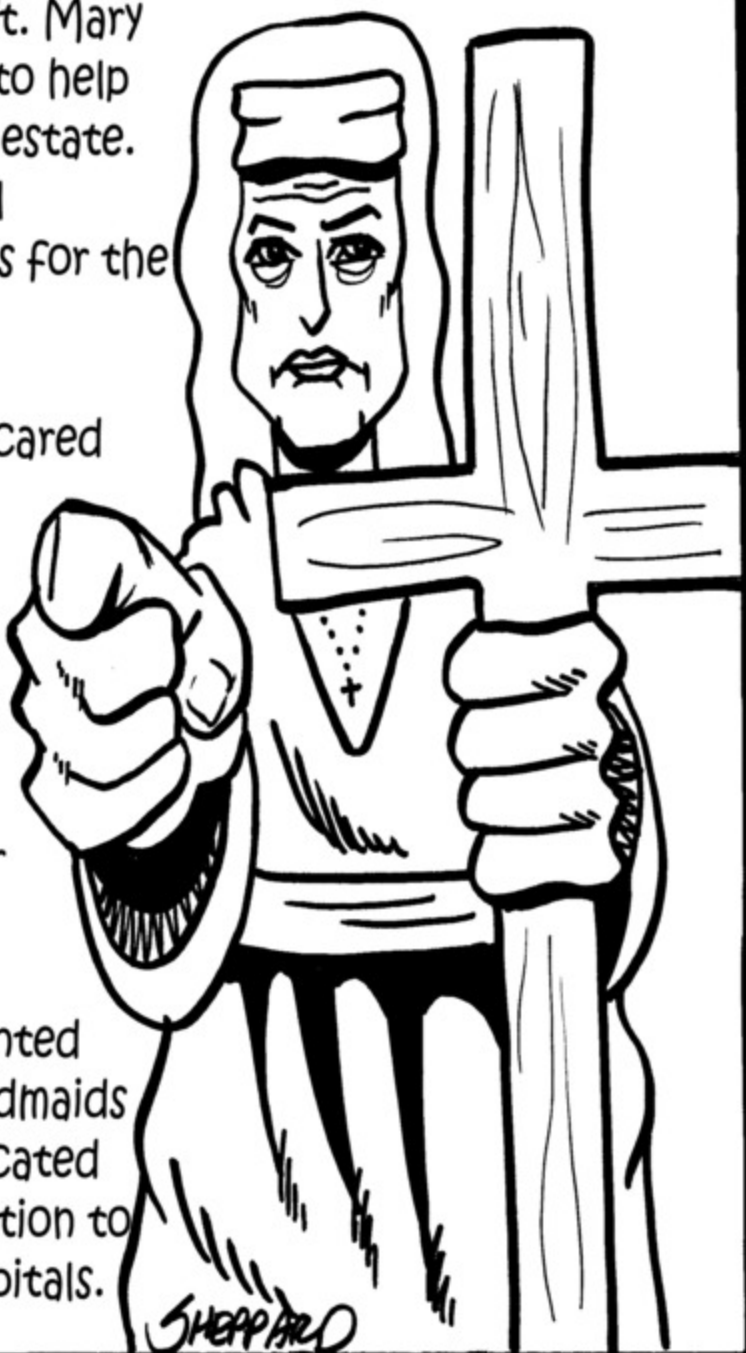
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When she was 17, St. Mary Di Rosa left school to help manage her father's estate. She arranged special missions and retreats for the women.

During the war she cared for the sick and wounded. At the door to the military hospital, she met the enemy with a large crucifix, stopping the lust for more bloodshed.

At 27 she was appointed superior of the Handmaids of Charity and dedicated their time and attention to the suffering in hospitals.



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St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi was born in Florence in 1566. She was taught mental prayer at the request of her mother. She entered the Carmelite Order at the Monastery of St. Mary. She had a personal relationship with Jesus and had many conversations with Him. Her wisdom and love led to her appointment to many important positions, including mistress of novices.



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St. Matthias was chosen as the twelfth apostle as a replacement for Judas. The criteria was the replacement had to have been a disciple from the beginning and baptised by John. The apostles cast lots and Matthias was chosen.



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St. Melania was married in an arranged marriage in her teens. After the deaths of her two children, she and her husband lived a life of celibacy and devoted themselves to doing charitable deeds.

In their travels, they aided many churches and monasteries in Europe on their way to the Middle East. In Egypt, Syria and Jerusalem they founded several monasteries and a convent in which Melania served as the Abbess until her death in 439.



SAINTS FUN FACTS

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St. Monica, thru the power of prayer and patience, converted her pagan husband and mother-in-law to the Catholic faith.

She also prayed for 17 years for her son to change from his life of sin.

She is the patron of wives and abuse victims.



SAINTS FUN FACTS

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St. Nicholas Tolentine became a monk at age 18 and was ordained a priest by the time he was 25. He is known for his preaching and teaching. He is also known as a peacemaker between the Guelfs and Ghibellines.

He ministered to his flock, helped the poor and visited many in prison. It is said he once prayed over bread and used it to feed the sick and cure them.

At his canonization, it was revealed he was credited with at least three hundred (300) miracles of which three (3) were said to be resurrections.

St. Nicholas is known as the patron saint of holy souls.



SAINTS FUN FACTS

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St. Norbert led a carfree life until he was thrown from his horse during a storm. Upon awakening, he heard the words "Turn from evil and do good, see peace and pursue it."

He became a priest and later a bishop, founding many new worship communities following very strict rules.



-SAINTS FUN FACTS

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St. Odilia and 10 other virgins were killed by barbarians in Cologne, for choosing God and their faith. Through the years, St. Odilia appeared 3 times to Brother John of Eppa to have her remains retrieved. They are currently safe in the Mother House in Huy, Belgium and Onamie, Minnesota.

She is the patron saint of the Crosier Fathers and is known to help people with diseases of the eye.



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St. Olympias established a hospital and an orphanage, gave shelter to the expelled monks of Notria and was a firm believer in St. John Chrysostom. Her support for him led her to being exiled in 404 which resulted in her losing her house and living the remainder of her life in exile at Nicodemia.

She died in 408 after a long illness.



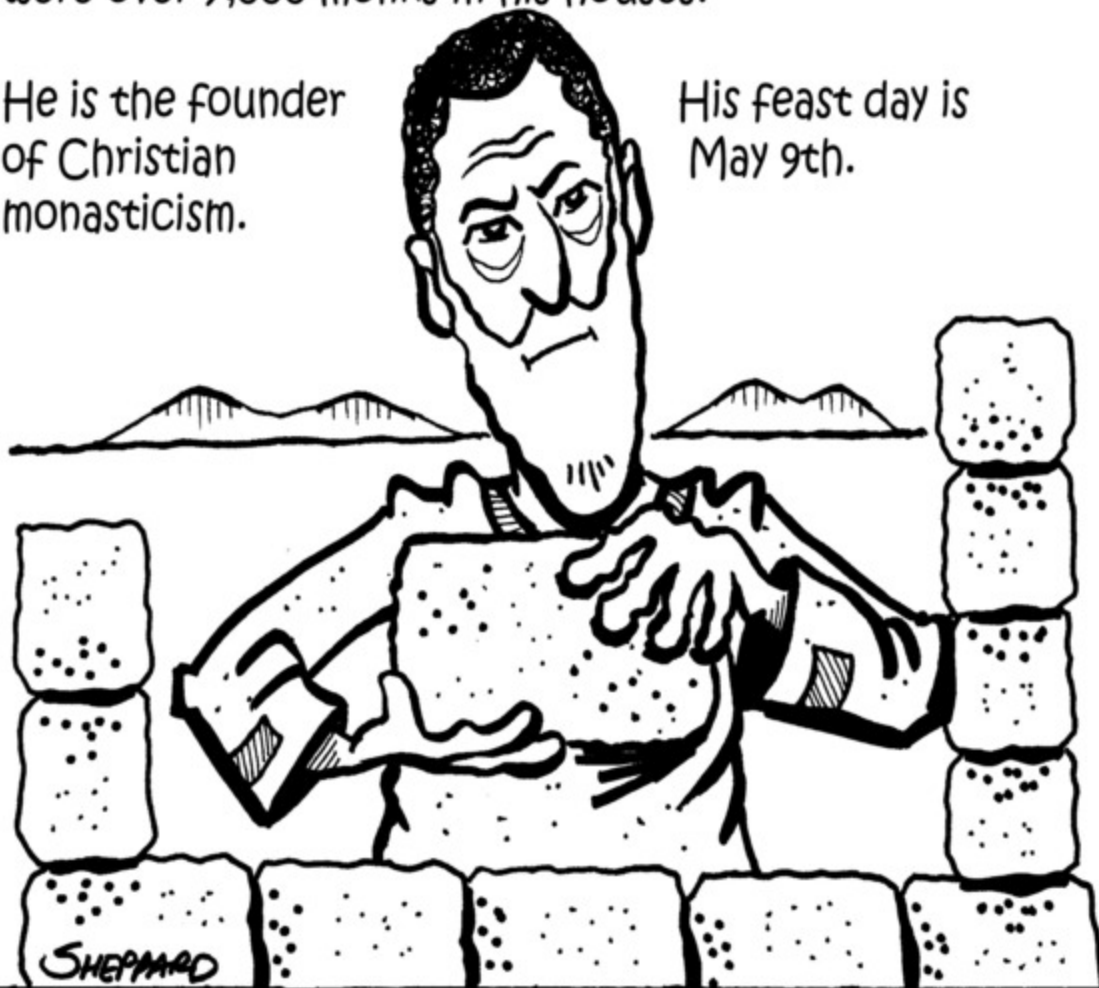
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St. Pachomius was an Egyptian soldier who became a Christian after being discharged. Together with Palomen they led a life of extreme austerity and total dedication to God. He built a monastery on the Nile which was the first of ten others! By his death, there were over 7,000 monks in his houses.

He is the founder of Christian monasticism.

His feast day is May 9th.



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One of the world's most popular saints. Enslaved as a young teen by pagans and Druids, he turned to God while in captivity. Escaping at age 20, he returned to his family and began studying for the priesthood. He preached throughout Ireland converting many for 40 years. He died at Saul, site of the first church he built.

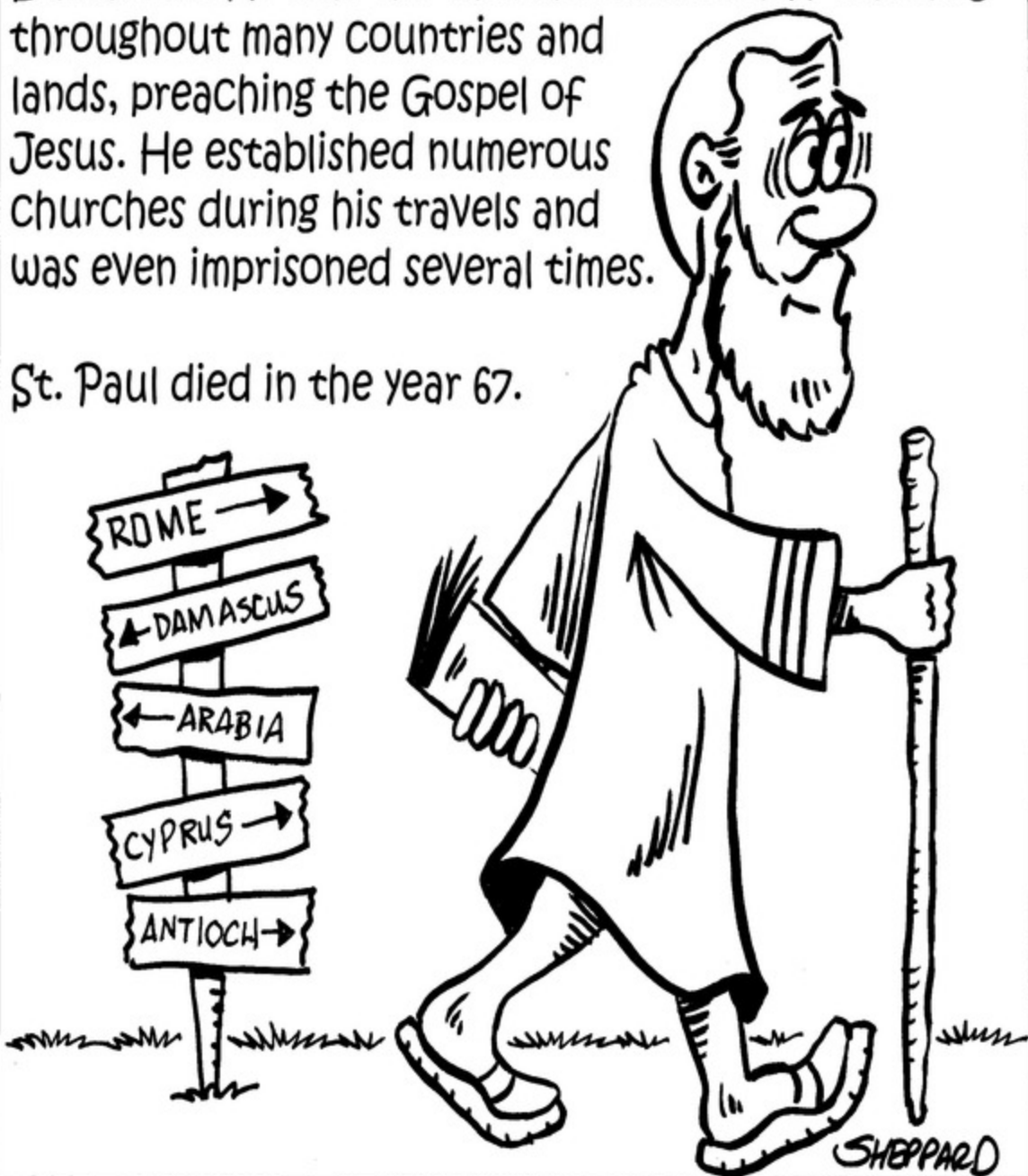
St. Patrick

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St. Paul was converted from Judaism on the road to Damascus. He was the ultimate missionary, traveling throughout many countries and lands, preaching the Gospel of Jesus. He established numerous churches during his travels and was even imprisoned several times.

St. Paul died in the year 67.



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St. Peter Claver was a Jesuit who dedicated his life to the Negro slaves. He provided food to the newly arrived, cared for the sick and dying and administered the sacraments to them throughout his thirty three years of service.



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St. Philip was born in Galile.

He was a disciple of John the Baptist and an Apostle of Christ. He was called by Jesus Himself and was present at the miracle of the loaves and the fishes.

He introduced the Hellenistic Jews to Jesus and was one of the Apostles awaiting the Holy Spirit in the Upper Room.

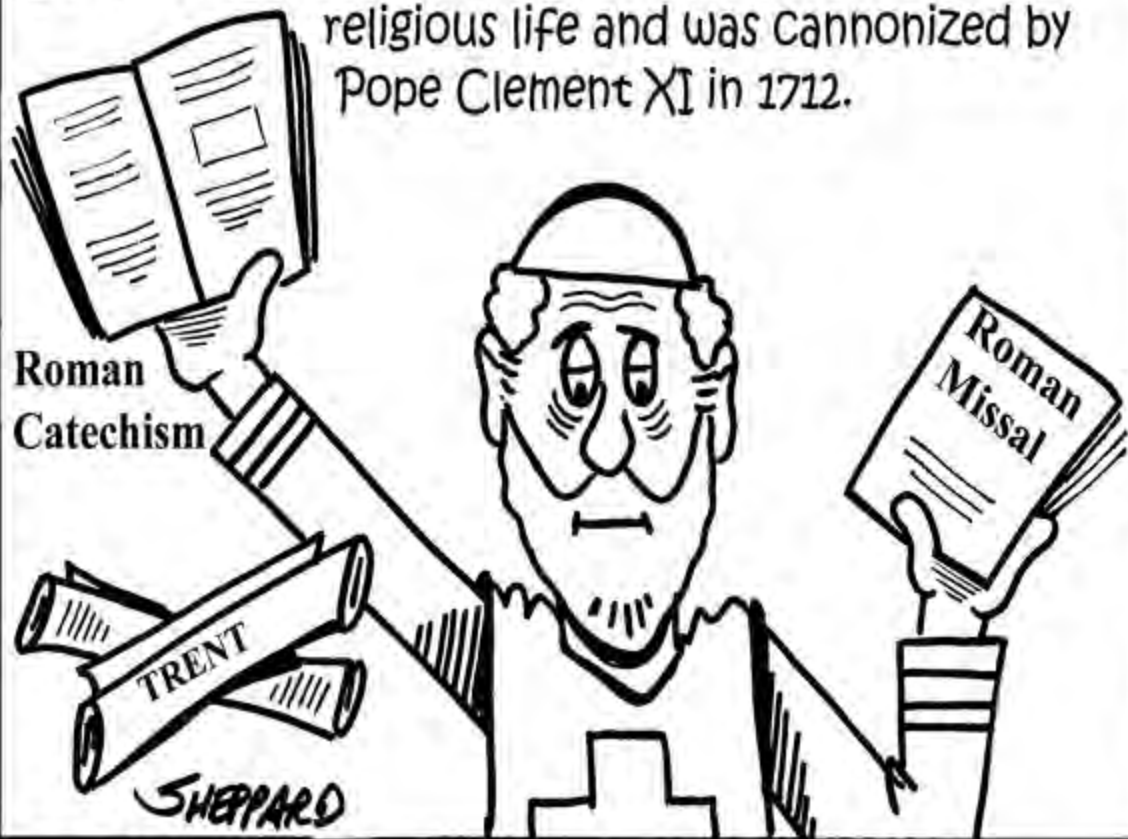
Philip was crucified upside down under Emperor Domitian.



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Antonio Ghislieri was born to a poor family. At 14 he joined the Dominicans and was ordained in 1528. Moving swiftly upwards, he was made a Cardinal in 1557. He became Pope Pius V in 1566. He published the Roman Catechism and Missal and implemented the decrees of the Council of Trent. He also joined with Venice and Spain to defeat the Turks at the Battle of Lepanto. He was totally devoted to the religious life and was canonized by Pope Clement XI in 1712.



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St. Raymond Nonnatus was born in 1204 in Spain. His mother died during childbirth and he was delivered by Caesarian. Nonnatus translates to "not born."

He joined the Order of Mercy and was one of their most illustrious members. As chief ransomer, he traveled to the Barbary coast to free Christian hostages. When his money ran out, he gave himself in exchange for hostages. While being tortured, he converted several of the guards. For this his lips were padlocked.

Upon release he was made Cardinal of Spain. He died almost a year later in the 1240.

He is the patron saint of midwives and expectant mothers.



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St. Romuald's early life was wasted on earthly pleasures. Upon seeing his father kill a man in a duel, his outlook on life changed and began a new course.



He became an abbot and founded several monasteries before he created the austere Order of Camandoli in Tuscany.

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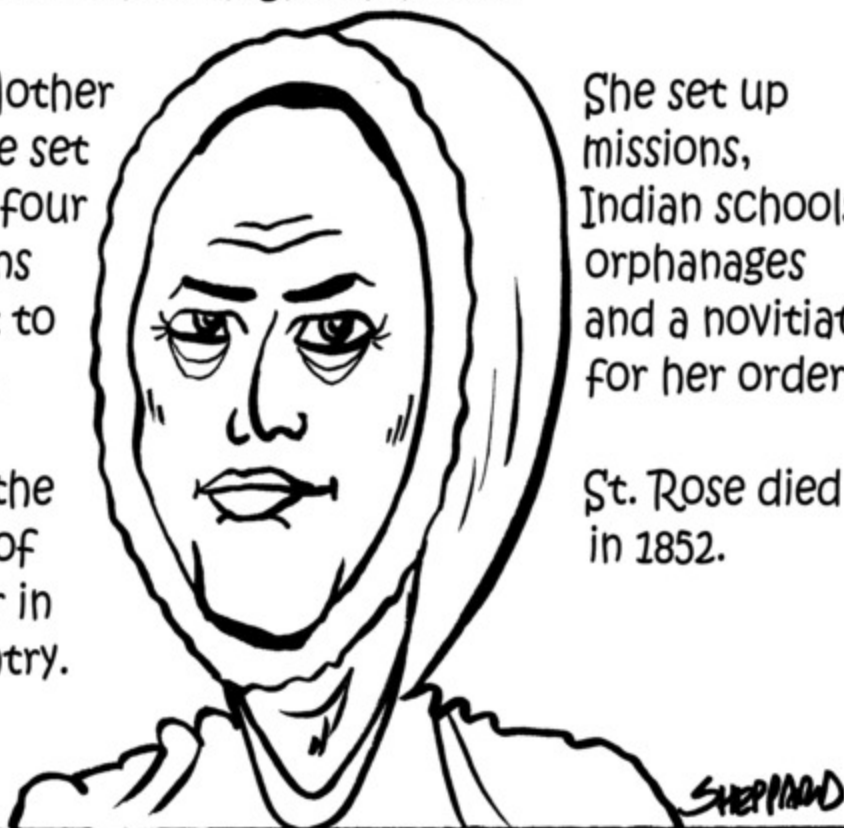
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St. Rose Philipinne Duchesne was born in Grenoble, France in 1769.

She was a prominent member of the Society of the Sacred Heart. During the French Revolution she cared for the sick and poor, helped fugitive priests, visited prisons and taught children.

In 1818 Mother Duchesne set out with four other nuns and went to America.

She was the founder of her order in this country.



She set up missions, Indian schools, orphanages and a novitiate for her order.

St. Rose died in 1852.

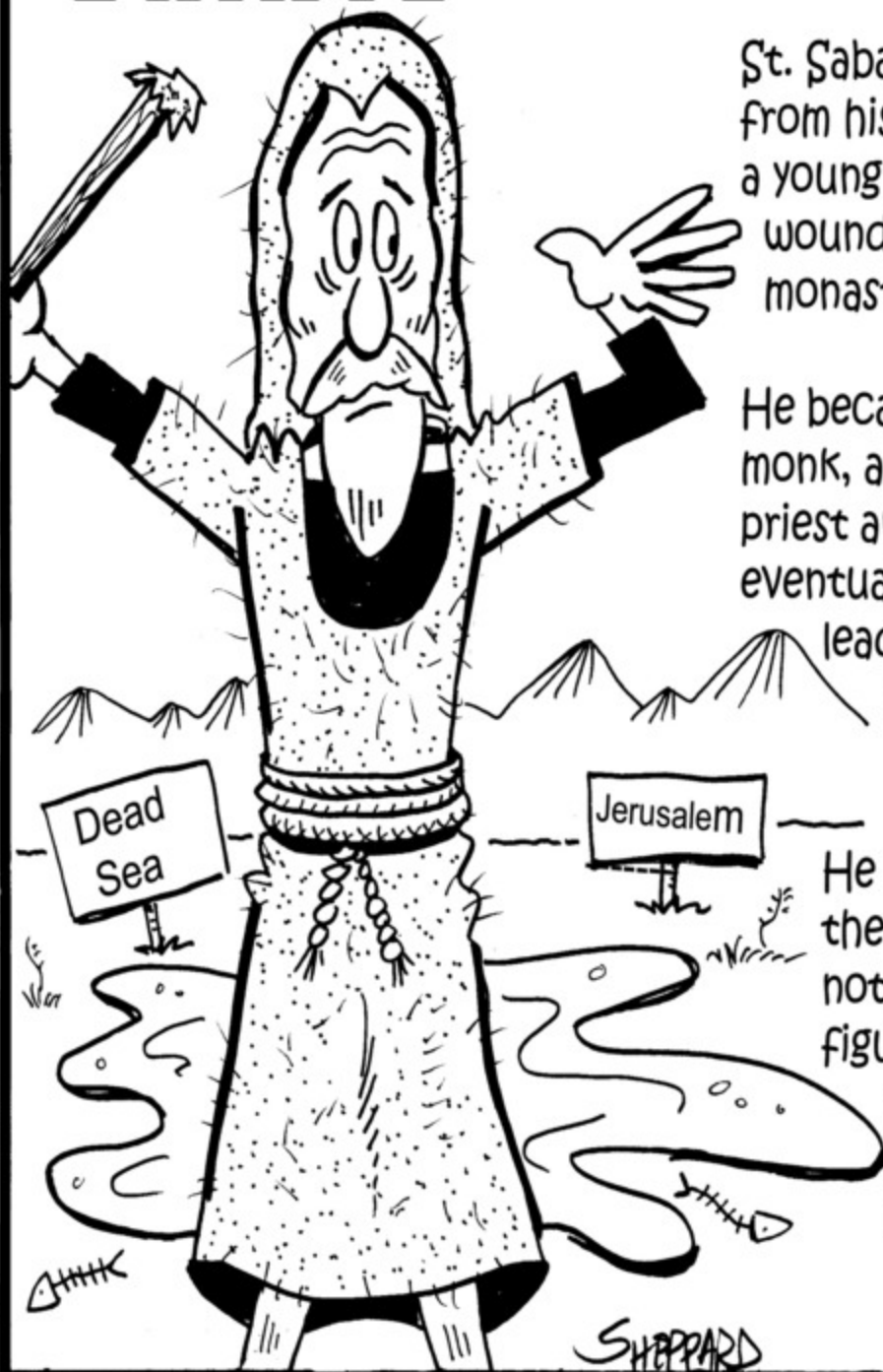
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St. Sabas ran away from his family as a young boy. He wound up in monastery.

He became a monk, a hermit, a priest and eventually was the leader of all hermits in Palestine.

He is one of the most notable figures of early monastic life.



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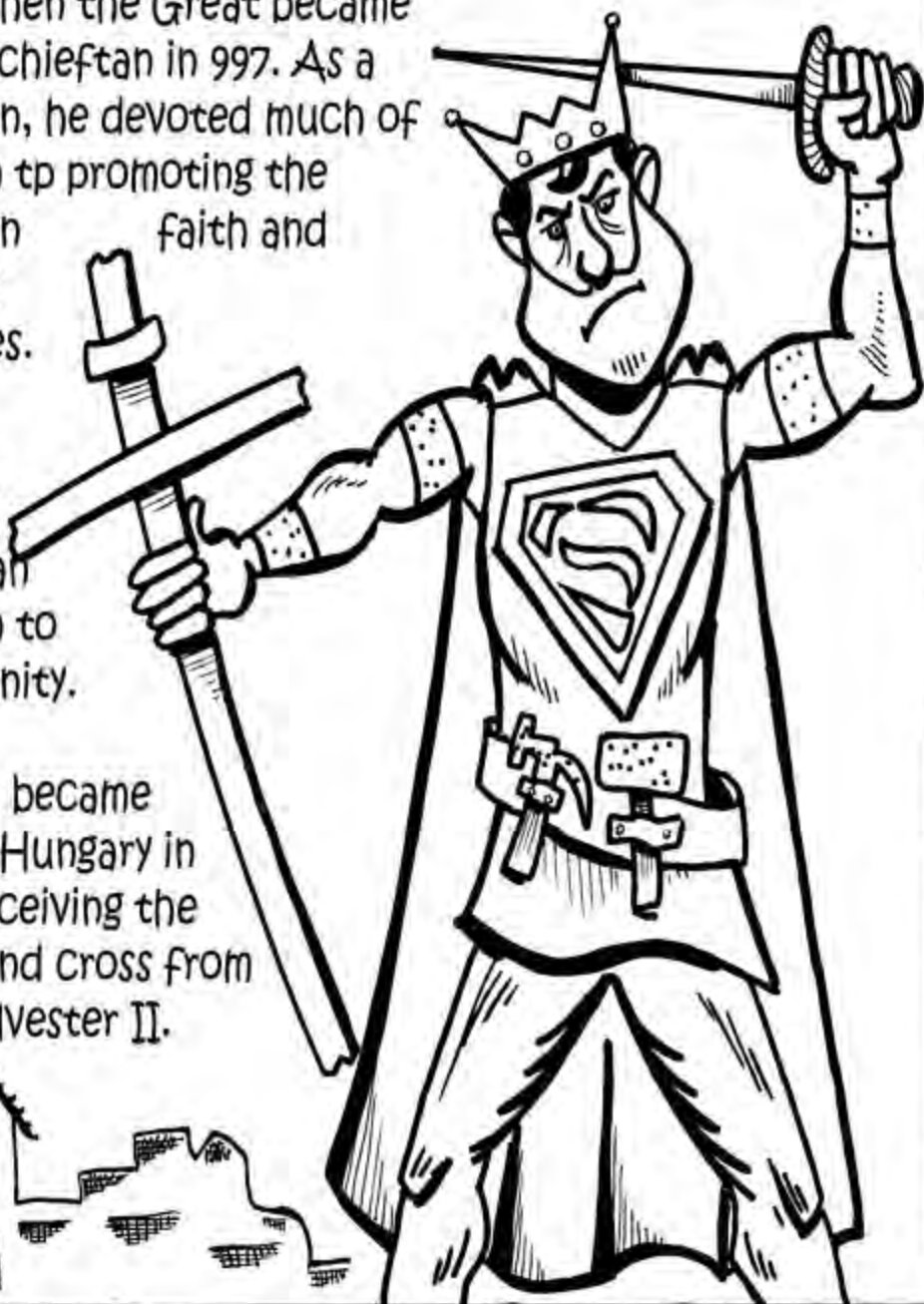
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St. Stephen the Great became
Maygar chieftan in 997. As a
Christian, he devoted much of
his reign tp promoting the
Christian faith and
building
churches.

He also
stopped
the pagan
reaction to
Christianity.

He then became
King of Hungary in
1000, receiving the
crown and cross from
Pope Sylvester II.



SAINTS FUN FACTS

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St. Thomas was one of the original Apostles. He was a dedicated follower of Christ. Thomas, unwilling to believe other Apostles had seen the risen Lord, he earned the title "doubting Thomas." On Christ's second apparition, Thomas saw the wounds in our Lord's hands and side and proclaimed, "My Lord and My God."

As the Apostles dispersed, Thomas eventually reached India.

He is the patron saint of architects.



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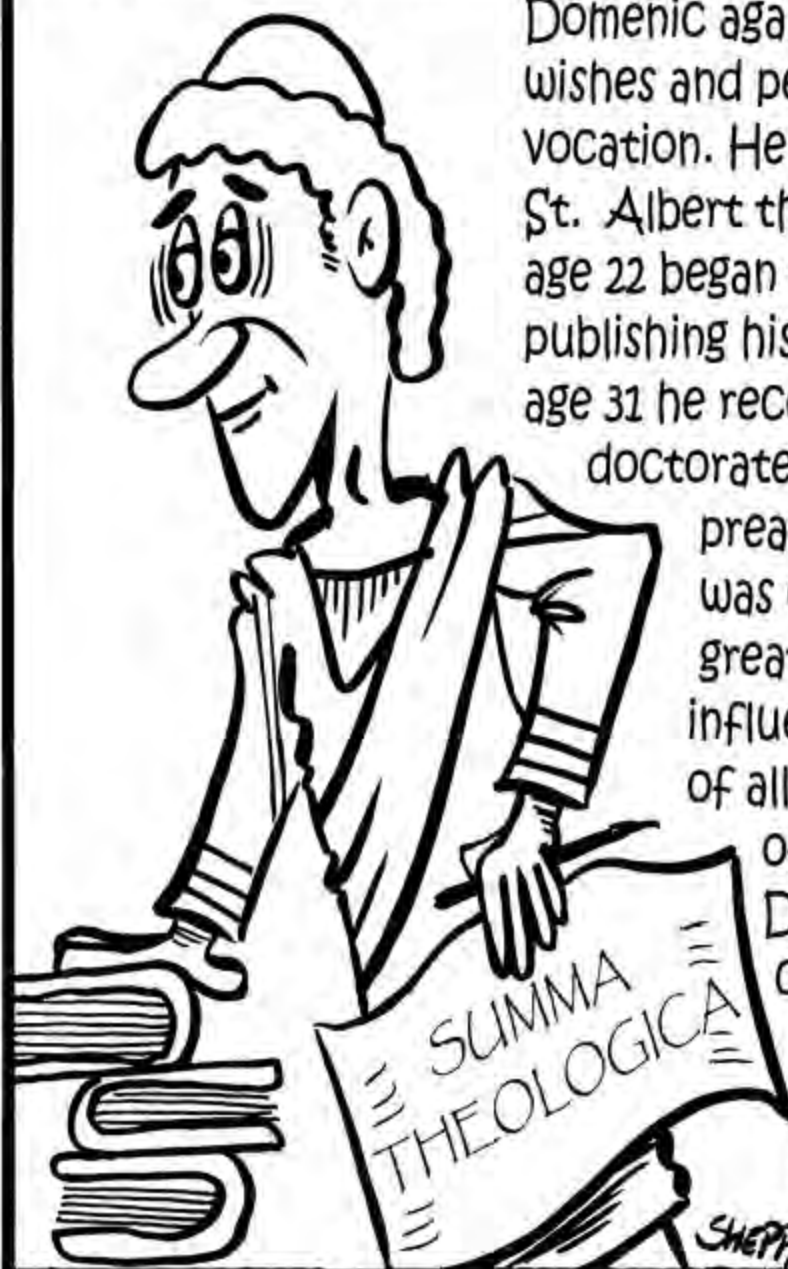
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St. Thomas Aquinas surpassed all his fellow students in learning and virtue. He entered the order of St.

Domenic against his parents wishes and perserverd in his vocation. He studied under St. Albert the Great and at age 22 began teaching and publishing his first works. At age 31 he received his

doctorate. He wrote and preached often and was one of the greatest and influential theologians of all time. He is one of the few Doctors of the church. He is the patron of universities and students.



SAINTS FUN FACTS

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A kind hearted Roman priest, he aided young Christians being persecuted by Claudius II and was imprisoned. While in custody, he converted 46 members of a guards family to Christianity! Upon finding out that,

Claudius sentenced him to death. He is the patron of love, young people and happy marriage.



St. Valentine



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