

Saints

“Do not be afraid to be the saints of the new millennium.”

Requirements for 1st and 2nd grade

Choose one Saint to read about, answer all 5 questions and read the prayer daily with your family.

A Saint is a special person who lived a holy life. The life of a Saint shows us how to follow Jesus. As we follow Jesus, we try to live and act like Jesus. We pray together, share and help people in need. By following Jesus, we become like His mother Mary and His friends, the Saints.

1. Why did you choose this Saint?
2. Where and when did the Saint live?
3. What did your Saint do that was special?
4. When is the feast day for your Saint?
5. How can you live like this Saint? Tell two specific things you can do.

Dear God, we thank You for the example of the Saints now in heaven with You. We thank You for the Saints who live among us now. May we learn from their example how to love others in Your name. Amen

Martyrs

“Be contemplative, love prayer; be coherent with your faith and generous in the service of your brothers and sisters.”

Requirements for 3rd through 5th grade

Complete all questions.

1. Define what it means to be a martyr.
2. Why were Christians willing to give their life for their faith?
3. From our other patch series on saints pick a few to learn about or from the list below:

FEMALE:

Agatha Barbara Felicity Lucy Agnes
Cecilia Joan of Arc Catherine of Alexandria

MALE:

Andrew George Stephen
Issac Jogues Sebastian
James the Greater Jean de Brebeuf

For each of the five martyrs that you select, provide the answers for the following questions:

- a. In what part of the world did this Saint live?
- b. What is the story of this person's life and death?
- c. How did this Saint express his/her faith?
- d. When is this Saint's feast day?
- e. What can you do in your life to live like this saint?

His Life

“Be active members of the Church and builders of peace.”

Requirements for 6th through 8th grade

1. Write a brief biography of Pope St. John Paul II. (500 - 1,000 words)
2. Obtain a copy of his coat of arms and explain its meaning. If you had one, what would your coat of arms include? Explain the symbols you use.
3. How many times did someone try to assassinate Pope St. John Paul II? Describe his visit with Mehmet Ali Ağca in prison two days after Christmas, 1983. How do you treat someone who has hurt you?
4. Pope St. John Paul II had a love for the youth of the world. How can the youth of today be an active part of the Catholic Church?
5. Pope St. John Paul II opened communication with people of many faiths. How can his efforts help you heal wounds in your community?
6. Pope St. John Paul II suffered physically due to a number of health issues. Some felt he should retire but he felt that by remaining active he was a good example to the sick and elderly. How will you support someone who is sick or elderly in your community?
7. What did Pope St. John Paul II have to go through in his life in Poland to be ordained a priest? How much would you endure for your faith?
8. Have you ever considered the priesthood or religious life? If so, tell about it.
9. Pope St. John Paul II steadfastly opposed communism and many believe his opposition led to its downfall. How will you show the world what your beliefs are?
10. Pope St. John Paul II led a rich prayer life. Name one way you will improve your prayer life.

His Legacy

“To succeed in this demanding project of life, continue to listen to His word.”

Requirements for 9th thru 12th grade

Part 1-Research and write five essays, one on each of the 5 topics below. Each essay is to be 500 words or more.
Part 2- Service-Complete the service project.

1. What was the Solidarity Movement? What role did Pope St. John Paul II play in the Solidarity Movement? What was the effect of this movement on the whole world? How can you play a role in this movement today?
2. Pope St. John Paul II was the most traveled Pope of all time. What was the purpose of all his travels? Name one country from each continent that he visited.
3. Research Pope St. John Paul II's love of the Eucharist and in your report, indicate how your love for the Eucharist can impact your life and help bring you closer to Christ.
4. In 1984 Pope St. John Paul II established World Youth Day. He and young people developed a very special bond. Find one of his talks directed to youth and tell how his words can impact your life.
5. Pope St. John Paul II wrote many books and encyclicals. Read one and discuss with a friend or relative. Provide a brief written summary of the chosen encyclicals or your discussion.

SERVICE-Part 2- You can make a difference in the lives of people. Create a service project for younger children in the 4th - 8th grades that will help them establish a feeling of helping others. This project should be at least 25 hours. Document each step of the project. Before starting -you must receive approval of your service project by submitting to the OYM via. Email, fax, mail or in person a detailed outline of your project. A reply will be given in one week to ten days to proceed. When completed-Provide a copy of your detailed written work for review to the OYM. The Committee will review your work and a reply will be given. You may be asked to come in before a review board to share your understanding of the subject matter and to relate how it has helped you grow in your faith.

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Biography of Pope St. John Paul II

Karol Jozef Wojtyla, known as Pope St. John Paul II, was born in Wadowice, Poland, a small city 50 kilometers from Krakow on May 18, 1920. He was the second of two sons born to Karol Wojtyla and Emilia Kaczorowska. His mother died in 1929. His eldest brother Edmund, a doctor, died in 1932 and his father, a non-commissioned army officer, died in 1941.

He made his First Holy Communion at age 9 and was confirmed at 18. Upon graduation from Marcin Wadowita High School in Wadowice, he enrolled in Krakow's Jagiellonian University in 1938.

In 1942, aware of his call to the priesthood, he began courses in the clandestine seminary of Krakow, until his priestly ordination in Krakow on November 1, 1946. He finished his doctorate in theology in 1948.

In 1948, he returned to Poland and was vicar of various parishes in Krakow, as well as chaplain for the university students until 1951. Later, he became a professor of moral theology and social ethics in the major seminary of Krakow and in the Faculty of Theology of Lublin.

On July 4, 1958, he was appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Krakow by Pope Pius XII and was consecrated on September 28, 1958. On January 13, 1964, he was nominated Archbishop of Krakow by Pope Paul VI, who made him a cardinal on June 26, 1967.

During his Pontificate on October 16, 1978, he began 104 pastoral visits outside of Italy. His principal documents include 14 encyclicals, 15 apostolic exhortations, 11 apostolic constitutions and 45 apostolic letters. Pope St. John Paul II presided at 147 beatification ceremonies (1338 blessed proclaimed) and 51 canonization ceremonies (482 Saints) during his pontificate.

He was an influential figure not only in the history of the Catholic Church, but will also be remembered as a world leader who played an intricate role in shaping world history. His personal courage, faith, strength and charisma shaped his life. His greatest legacy may be that he taught by personal example.

Pope St. John Paul II, the charismatic pontiff who led the worlds' one billion Catholics for 26 years, died on April 2, 2005 at his home in Vatican City. His successor, Pope Benedict XVI, announced the opening of his cause for beatification on May 13, 2005. He was later canonized on April 27, 2015 by Pope Francis.

Frequently asked questions

What is the purpose of this program?

The purpose of this program is to further the understanding of the life, legacy and meaning of Pope St. John Paul II's challenge to youth, "Be Not Afraid."

Do I have to be Catholic to earn this award? No.

Is this award for all youth? Yes.

Who approves the requirements?

Approval process for 1st through 8th grade is done by scout leaders, parents, priests, deacons, religious, or catechists who can verify the completeness and correctness of the answers.

Approval process for 9th through 12th grade and Venturers to 21 yrs of age is done by the Office of Youth Ministry and a Review Committee. Send your detailed written work, the application, and a check for your patch to the OYM.

Where can I get more award program flyers?

Flyers can be printed off the website at www.stlyouth.org.

How much time do I have to complete each section?

There are no time requirements. You must complete the sections according to the grade or age level.

Is the patch one piece?

No, the center patch is separate and each segment, as it is earned, can be placed around the center patch.

Some helpful websites: www.stlyouth.org
www.blestarewe.com www.vatican.va www.nfcym.org

Additional questions?

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Pope St. John Paul II Award



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