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About Pope Saint Clement I

- He was born in Rome in 35 AD.
- He was the 4th Pope: Peter, Linus, Cletus, Clement!
- He knew both Saint Peter and Saint Paul.
- Like Saint Paul, He wrote a letter to Christians living in Corinth.
- The Church of Saint Clement in Rome, where he is buried, was built in the 12th century on top of a 4th century church!
- He is the patron of sailors, metal workers and blacksmiths.
- His symbol is an anchor.
- His feast day is November 23.
- He was martyred in the year 99 AD.

Pope Saint Clement I



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"Follow the saints, because those who follow them will become saints." -Pope Saint Clement I



About Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati:

- He was born in Turin, Italy on April 6, 1901 and died there on July 4, 1925.
- He loved the poor and served them in any way possible, even from a very young age.
- He was an active athlete and loved mountain climbing, swimming and hiking. He was also known for his practical jokes!
- He became a lay member of the Dominican Order
- Pope John Paul II beatified him in 1990, calling him the "Man of the Eight Beatitudes."
- He is the patron of mountain climbers, students, youth groups, Catholic Action, Dominican Tertiaries and World Youth Day.

Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati



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"Jesus is with me. I have nothing to fear." -Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati



About Saint Martin de Porres

- He was born in Lima, Peru in 1579.
- He was the son of a Spanish nobleman and a freed slave of African and Peruvian Native descent.
- From a child, he was generous and loving to the poor.
- He was trained as a barber, which in those times included some medical knowledge as well.
- He became a Dominican brother and took care of the infirmary where he was known for kindness to the sick.
- He even took care of animals!
- He is patron of African Americans, Barbers and Hairdressers, Race Relations, Radio, and Social Justice.
- His feast day is November 3.

"Everything, even sweeping, scraping vegetables, weeding a garden and waiting on the sick could be a prayer, if it were offered to God." —St. Martin de Porres

Saint Martin de Porres



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About Saint Charles Borromeo:

- He was born in Milan, Italy in 1538 and died there in 1584
- He studied both canon (Church) law and civil law.
- He was made a bishop and then a cardinal of the church.
- His uncle was Pope Pius IV.
- His motto was "Humilitas" or humility.
- He helped with the Council of Trent and in the Counter-reformation movement.
- He is patron of bishops, cardinals, seminarians, catechists and is invoked for prayer for stomach disorder.
- His feast day is November 4.

Saint Charles Borromeo



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"Be sure that you first preach by the way you live."-Saint Charles Borromeo



About Saint Teresa of Calcutta

- She was born in Albania in 1910 and was named Ajenze (Agnes) Bojaxhiu.
- She entered the Sisters of Loreto in Ireland when she was 18 and was assigned to India where she taught English.
- In 1946, she had "a call within her call" to serve the poorest of the poor." She later founded the Missionaries of Charity which serves the poorest of the poor in over 120 countries.
- She received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979.
- She died on September 5, 1997 and is the co-patron of the Archdiocese of Calcutta, along with St. Francis Xavier.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta



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"Peace begins with a smile." - Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta



Saint Katharine Drexel



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About Saint Katharine Drexel

- She was born in 1858 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Her father was a wealthy banker.
- She was devoted to the poor as her parents had been.
- She opened Catholic schools for Native American and African American children, including Xavier University in New Orleans, Louisiana.
- She realized that God was calling her to religious life and later founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament.
- She is patron of philanthropy and social justice.
- Her feast day is March 3, the anniversary of her death in 1955.

"If we wish to serve God and love our neighbor well, we must manifest our joy in the service we render to Him and them. Let us open wide our hearts. It is joy which invites us. Press forward and fear nothing." -Saint Katharine Drexel



About Saint Augustine:

- He was born in the year 354 in Tagaste, a town in present-day Algeria.
- His mother, Saint Monica, was a Christian but his father was not.
- He became a Christian when he was 31, after his mother prayed for him for many years.
- He was baptized by Saint Ambrose and become a priest and then a bishop.
- He was a philosopher and theologian and wrote many works including an autobiography called *Confessions*.
- He died in 430.
- His feast day is August 28.
- He is the patron of brewers, printers and theologians.

Saint Augustine of Hippo



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"Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe." -Saint Augustine



About Saint Francis de Sales:

- He was born in what is now France in the year 1567.
- He had doctorates in both law and theology before he became a priest.
- He was made Bishop of Geneva, Switzerland at a time of religious division and unrest.
- He taught that all people were called to holiness no matter their occupation or state in life, not just priests and sisters.
- Along with Saint Jane Frances de Chantel, he founded the Visitation Sisters.
- He wrote many books on the spiritual life including *Introduction* to the Devout Life.
- He died in 1622.
- He is the patron of the Catholic press, educators, writers, journalists and the deaf.
- His feast day is January 24.

Saint Francis de Sales



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"Be who you are and be that well." - Saint Francis de Sales



About Saint Ignatius of Loyola:

- He was born in Spain in the year 1491 and died in Rome in 1556.
- He had a great interest in the military and was fascinated by the Stories of *El Cid, The Song of Roland,* and the knights of Camelot.
- He joined the military at age 17 and suffered a wound that caused him to limp for the rest of his life.
- While recuperating, he read the biographies of saints, especially inspired by Saint Francis and Saint Dominic.
- He then continued his studies and later founded the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) with the motto "for the greater glory of God."
- His Spiritual Exercises are designed for growth in the life of prayer.

Saint Ignatius of Loyola



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• His feast day is July 31.

"He who carries God in his heart, carries heaven with him wherever he goes."

- Saint Ignatius of Loyola



About Saint Catherine of Siena:

- She was born in Siena, Italy on March 25, 1347.
- She was drawn to prayer at a young age and became a member of the third order Dominicans.
- She conversed with Christ and her main writing, called *The Dialogues* of *Divine Providence*, gives an account of some of those conversations.
- She had a great love for the Church and gave counsel to the Popes.
- She was named a Doctor of the Church for her teachings.
- She is the patron of nurses, of Italy (with Saint Francis of Assisi) and of all Europe.
- She died in 1380.
- Her feast day is April 29.

Saint Catherine of Siena



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"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire."Saint Catherine of Siena



Saint Kateri Tekakwitha



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About Saint Kateri Tekakwitha:

- She was born in 1656 in what is now Auriesville, New York.
- She was of both Algonquin and Mohawk heritage and "Tekakwitha" was her Mohawk name.
- Her parent died in a smallpox epidemic that left her scarred and with impaired vision.
- She converted to Christianity and took the name Catherine (Kateri in Mohawk) for Saint Catherine of Siena.
- She suffered ridicule for the faith and eventually left for a Christian
- Indian village where she helped teach the children the faith.
- She is known as the "lily of the Mohawks" because of her purity.
- She is patron of the environment.
- Her feast day is celebrated on July 14 in the US and on April 17 in Canada.

"Who can tell me what is most pleasing to God that I may do it?" -Saint Kateri Tekakwitha



Saint John Vianney



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About Saint John Vianney:

- Saint John Vianney is also known as the Cure of Ars since that is where he served so long as pastor.
- His full name is Jean-Baptiste-Marie Vianney.
- He was born in France in 1786.
- Saint John Vianney had a hard time with studies, but had an ardent love of God to sustain his vocation.
- He was devoted to the salvation of souls and spent at least 11 hours a day hearing confessions. People traveled great distances to receive his guidance and to go to confession.
- The number of pilgrims in the tiny remote village of Ars reached over 20,000 each year.
- He is the patron of parish priests and confessors.
- His feast day is August 4.

"The Lord is more anxious to forgive our sins than a woman is to carry her baby out of a burning building." - Saint John Vianney



About Saint Frances Cabrini:

- She was born 1850 in Italy.
- She wanted to be a sister but was turned down because of poor health.
- She began helping with an orphanage and eventually founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart to care for poor children in schools and hospitals.
- She asked the Holy Father if she and her sisters could go to China to be missionaries, but he asked them to come to the United States instead!
- She and her sister worked especially with Italian immigrants to the U.S. and opened many schools and hospitals.
- She was the first American citizen to be canonized.
- Her feast day is November 13.

Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini



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"I am a bearer of the love of Christ to the world." - Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini



About Saint Pio of Pietrelcina:

- He is also called Saint Padre Pio.
- He was born on May 25, 1887 in Pietrelcina, Italy.
- He became a Capuchin friar and priest. The Capuchins are part of the Franciscan Order.
- He was often in poor health, but devoted hours a day to hearing confessions.
- He had the stigmata, the wounds of Christ and usually wore a kind of mitt over his hands during Mass.
- Many miracles, especially healings, are attributed to him. He build a great hospital for the poor, Saint Giovanni Rotundo in Foggia, Italy where he died in 1998.
- His feast day is September 23.

Saint Pio of Pietrelcina



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"My past, O Lord, to your Mercy; my present, to your Love; my future, to your Providence!" -Saint Pio of Pietrelcina



About Saint Albert the Great:

- He was born in Germany c.1200.
- He became a Dominican priest and was known for his great learning and writing in in many areas including philosophy, theology, astronomy, geography, law, logic, zoology, botany and other areas of natural science.
- He taught at the University of Paris where he taught Saint Thomas Aquinas.
- His was devoted to the Blessed Mother.
- His knowledge was so vast that he is known even in secular history as "Albert the Great" (or Albertus Magnus) and is a Doctor of the Church.
- He is patron of scientists, philosophers, medical technicians
- His feast day is November 15.

Saint Albert the Great



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"The greater and more persistent your confidence in God, the more abundantly you will receive all that you ask." -Saint Albert the Great



Saint Thomas Aquinas



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"How can we live in harmony? First we need to know we are all madly in love with the same God." -Saint Thomas Aquinas

About Saint Thomas Aquinas

- He was born in 1225 in Roccasecca, Italy.
- He was educated by the Benedictines at their abbey at Montecassino, but became a Dominican.
- He excelled in philosophy and theology and wrote hymns honoring the Eucharist.
- He was taught by Saint Albert the Great who recognized his intellectual gifts and potential.
- He is a doctor of the Church, called the Angelic Doctor because of his purity and his teaching about the angels.
- His greatest work is the entitled the *Summa Theologiae*.
- Among many things, he is the patron of students in Catholic schools.
- His feast day is January 28.



About Saint Mary MacKillop

- Mary Helen MacKillop was born in Melbourne, Australia in 1842.
- She was the oldest of 8 children of Flora and Alexander MacKillop who were originally from Scotland.
- Her parents were very well educated and taught their own children.
- She left home to help support her family and become a governess.
- She felt especially drawn to service of the poor and to education of poor children.
- At age 24, she dedicated herself to God and helped to form the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart, taking the name Sister Mary of the Cross. She served as their superior for much of her life as a sister.
- Despite much difficulty and many trials, she helped to establish a school system in Australia and continued her commitment to the poor.
- She is the first canonized saint from Australia and her feast day is August 8.

Saint Mary MacKillop



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"Remember we are all but travelers here." –Saint Mary MacKillop



Saint Mother Theodore Guerin



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About Saint Mother Theodore Guerin

- She was born in 1798 in France and was named Anne-Therese.
- She became a Sister of Providence in France when she was 24 and was named Sister Saint Theodore.
- She and 5 other sisters came to the United States making a turbulent sea voyage that lasted from July 27-September 4, 1840!
- They founded Saint Mary-of-the-Woods near Terra Haute, Indiana; and, later other schools and orphanages in Indiana and Illinois. She exemplified courage and dependence on God's providence.
- She died in 1856 and her shrine is At Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.
- Her feast day is October 3.

"What have we to do in order to be saints? Nothing extraordinary; nothing more than what we do every day. Only do it for God's love..." -Saint Mother Theodore Guerin



About Saint John Bosco

- He was born in 1815 in Italy.
- He became a priest and while serving in Turin noticed the plight of poor boys who suffered because of working in factories.
- He began to minister to them by organizing them for games, juggling and magic tricks and for Mass and praying together.
- He gave the boys a safe environments and formation in family life and in the faith.
- He admired the spirituality of Saint Francis de Sales and founded the Salesians based on his teachings.
- One of his most famous students is Saint Dominic Savio (pictured with him here) whose motto was "Death but not sin."
- He died in 1888 in Turin, Italy.
- He is the patron of young people, editors and school students.
- His feast day is January 31.

Saint John Bosco



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"Always think well of everyone, and be ready to help others. Do this and you will be happy." - Saint John Bosco



About Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

- She was born in New York City on August 28, 1774.
- She married at age 19 to William Seton and they had 5 children.
 William became ill and they went to Italy, hoping for improved health, but he died there.
- While in Italy, Elizabeth was exposed to the Catholic faith and, after returning to New York, she took instructions and became Catholic.
- After experiencing much prejudice and difficulty, she moved to Maryland where she would later establish the Sisters of Charity of Saint Joseph and opened a Catholic school.
- She was the first person born in the United States to be named a saint.
- She died in 1821 on January 4 which became her feastday.

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton



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"Faith lifts the staggering soul on one side, Hope supports it on the other. Experience says it must be, and Love says let it be." -Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton



Saint John Henry Newman



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About Saint John Henry Newman

- He was born in London, England in 1801.
 He became a priest in the Church of England and was a scholar, writer, theologian and lecturer at Oxford University where he was part of the Oxford Movement. This had as its purpose to restore some of the more Catholic practices to the Church of England.
- His involvement in the Oxford Movement ultimately
- led him to enter the Catholic Church even though in meant he lost his job and his Anglican priesthood.
- He became a Catholic priest and was later made a Cardinal.
- He founded the Oratory in England where diocesan priests live a common life, but do not take religious vows.
- His hymns including Lead Kindly Light and Praise to the Holiest in the Heights.
- He died in 1890; his feast day is October 9.

"God has created me to do Him some definite service... I have my mission." -Saint John Henry Newman



About Saint Therese of Lisieux

- She was born in Alencon, France in 1873, the youngest of nine children.
- Her mother died when Therese was 4 years old.
- Therese became very ill shortly after her sister Pauline became a Carmelite nun, but was cured, she said, when the statue of the Blessed Virgin smiled at her.
- Therese joined Pauline at Carmel, as did her sisters Marie and Celine. Her remaining sister, Leonie, became a Visitation sister. Therese was called Sister Therese of the Child Jesus and of the Holy Face.
- Therese learned to do "little things with great love: which became her Little Way to Jesus. She is called the "Little Flower."
- She was told by her superior to write her autobiography, *The Story* of a Soul.
- She died at age 24 and is patron of the missions because she prayed so for missionaries.
- Her feast day is October 1.



Saint Therese of Lisieux



Sculpture of Therese with her Father, Taken in Lisieux where she asked her father's permission to enter Carmel. Photo: Sr. Mary Christopher, O.P. Used with permission

"Everything is a grace
because everything is God's gift."
Saint Therese of Lisieux

Saints Louis and Zelie Martin



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"It is necessary that the heroic becomes daily and that the daily becomes heroic." -Saint Zelie Martin

Response when Celine told her father that they were praying for his cure during what would become his long decline in health:

> "No, you must not ask for that, but only that God's will be done." –Saint Louis Martin

About Saint Louis and Saint Zelie

- Louis Martin and Zelie Guerin were both born in France, he in 1823 and she in 1831.
- Both had considered religious life, but had determined that it was not God's will for them.
- Louis became a jeweler and Zelie became a lace maker. Both were then working and residing in Alencon where they met.
- They had 9 children, 4 of whom died very young. The surviving 5 daughters became religious sisters, including Saint Therese.
- They are the first-ever married couple with children to be canonized in the same ceremony. Pope Francis said that they served the Church by "creating day by day an environment of faith and love which nurtured the vocations of their daughters."
- Zelie died in 1877 and Louis in 1894.
- Their feast day is July 12.



Martyrs of Vietnam



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About the Martyrs of Vietnam

- From 1740 through 1883, 117 people gave their lives in Vietnam for the Catholic faith.
- The group included 96 people who were from Vietnam and 21 missionaries from Spain, France and Portugal.
- The martyrs included bishops, Such as Dominican Bishop Saint Ignatius Delgado; over 50 priests both European and Vietnamese; lay catechists and other believers, including Agnes Le Thi Thanh who was a mother with 6 children.
- The canonization of the Martyrs of Vietnam was the largest group canonization in Church history.
- Their feast day is celebrated on November 24.

"Charity has no boundaries; if it has boundaries, it is not charity." -Venerable Francis Xavier Nguyen Van Thuan

Note: Cardinal Van Thuan died in 2002. He was imprisoned by the Vietnamese Communist government for 9 years. While he is not one of the group of Martyrs of Vietnam, his holy life despite his suffering is a special sign of hope for the Vietnamese people of today.



About Saint Josephine Bakhita

- She was born in Sudan in 1869 and was the daughter of the village chief.
- She was kidnapped as a child and taken into slavery. Because of the cruel treatment she received at the hands of her kidnappers, she was so traumatized that she forgot her own name. They named her "Bakhita" which means "fortunate one."
- Eventually she was sold to a family from Italy who treated her with kindness. While her mistress went on a trip, she left her daughter and Bakhita with the Canossian Sisters in Italy and it was there that Bakhita began to be attracted to the faith.
- Upon the return of her mistress, she did not want to leave the sisters and the authorities ruled that since Italy had never recognized slavery as legal, she chose to stay.
- She was baptized, given the name Josephine and served in Italy for 45 years.
- Her feast day is February 8.

Saint Josephine Bakhita



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"If I were to keep kneeling the whole of my life, it would not be enough to express my gratitude to the Good God."
-Saint Josephine Bakhita



Blessed Solanus Casey



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"Gratitude is the first sign of the thinking, rational creature." "Thank God ahead of time." -Blessed Solanus Casey

About Blessed Solanus Casey

- Bernard Francis ("Barney") Casey was born in Wisconsin November 25, 1870 in Wisconsin, 6th of 16 children.
- He worked at many jobs during his youth: hospital orderly, lumberjack, prison guard and street car operator. He witnessed an act of brutality, which inspired him to do something to make the world a better place.
- He entered the seminary for the diocesan priesthood, but because he had a limited education, the studies were very hard for him. He entered the Capuchin Order and became a simplex priest who could say Mass, but not hear confessions.
- He served in New York and in Detroit and was known for his love and service to the poor, his welcoming of those in need of prayer.
- Many miracles, especially recovery of the sick, were reported and attributed to his intercession. He said his two loves in life were the sick and the poor.
- He died in Detroit on July 31, 1957. July 31 is his feast day.



Saint Andre Bessette



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"I am nothing...only a tool in the hands of Providence, a lowly instrument at the service of St. Joseph." -Saint Andre Bessette



About Saint Andre Bessette

- Alfred Bessette was born on August 9, 1845 in the province of Quebec, Canada.
- He was the 8th of 12 children, 4 of whom died as children. Alfred himself was frail and some ailments plagued him his whole life.
- His father died when Alfred was 9 and his mother, 3 years after that. For years, he went to live with various relatives.
- He was always a hardworking and devoted young man and his pastor recommended that he enter the Congregation of the Holy Cross where he became a lay brother, taking the name Brother Andre.
- He served as porter at Notre Dame College in Montreal and became known for praying for and obtaining many cures. He used oil from candles burned before St. Joseph to whom he was very devoted.
- His life's project was spreading devotion to St. Joseph and building the great shrine in Montreal in St. Joseph's honor.
- He died in 1937 is buried at the Shrine.
- His feast day is January 6 in the United States and January 7 in Canada.

Pope Saint John Paul II



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"The human being is single, unique, and unrepeatable, someone thought of and chosen from eternity, someone called and identified by name." -Pope Saint John Paul II



About Pope Saint John Paul II

- Karol Józef Wojtyla was born on May 18, 1920 in Wadowice, Poland.
- His sister Olga had died before Karol was born. His mother died when he was 9 and his brother, Edmund, died when Karol was 12.
- He was an enthusiastic student, studying languages, philosophy and theater. He learned as many as 15 languages! He loved the outdoors, hiking and kayaking.
- Because of the Nazi regime in Poland, he had to study secretly for the priesthood. In 1944, he hid to escape being taken by Nazi troops who were capturing young Polish men to prevent an uprising. Over 8,000 men were taken that night.
- He was ordained to the priesthood on All Saints Day, 1946. He was named a bishop in 1958 and created a cardinal in 1967. When he was elected Pope in 1978, he was the first non-Italian pope in over 400 years!
- Among many achievements, his lengthy papacy was characterized by his relentless fight for human rights and dignity, his theology of the body, the role of youth, the importance of solidarity and his example of forgiveness when he forgave the man who attempted to assassinate him.
- His motto was *Totus Tuus*, meaning "totally yours" in tribute to his love of the Blessed Mother.
- He added the Feast of Divine Mercy to the church calendar and died on April 2, 2005- which was the eve of Divine Mercy Sunday.

About Blessed Michael McGivney

- He was born in Waterbury, Connecticut on August 12, 1852. He was the son of Irish immigrants to the United States and was the oldest of 13 children, 7 of whom survived to adulthood.
- Michael left school at 13 to help support the family, and then entered the seminary at 16. His father's death left the family in even poorer circumstances, but his bishop helped to make it possible for him to be ordained.
- As a parish priest he saw many families suffer because of the death of their provider. He also saw people not practicing the faith. These two concerns contributed to his founding the Knights of Columbus, now a worldwide charitable and fraternal organization.
- Pope Francis wrote of Father McGivney: "...zeal for the proclamation of the Gospel and generous concern for the needs of his brothers and sisters made him an outstanding witness of Christian solidarity and fraternal assistance."
- He was beatified on October 31, 2020! His feast day is August 13, the date between his birthday and the date of his death in 1890 at age 38.



Blessed Michael McGivney



Michael McGivney ("Mikey") Schachle of Dickson, TN is shown with his family statue of Father McGivney. Mikey's cure was the miracle recognized by the Church for Blessed Michael McGivney's beatification. Mikey, his parents and a number of his 12 siblings were participants in the beatification Mass in Connecticut. Photo by Rick Musacchio/Tennessee Register Used with permission

"Unity and Charity is our motto. Unity in order to gain strength to be charitable to each other in benevolence whilst we live and in bestowing financial aid to those whom we have to mourn our loss."
Blessed Michael McGivney



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Saint

"Here is where students discover the true value of the human person:

- loved by God,
- with a mission on earth
- and a **destiny that is immortal**."

-Religious Dimension of Education in a Catholic School