

Angels and Saints

Holy Spirit Catholic Church

Family Catechesis

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Angels

Latin *angelus*; Greek *aggelos*

Means “one going” or “one sent” – Messenger

Spiritual beings

Created by God to watch over men

Free Will (Good or Evil)



Archangels



Michael

- Who is like God
- Protects

Gabriel

- Hero of God
- Communicates

Raphael

- God has healed
- Guides

Saint Thomas Aquinas

(Hierarchies of Angels) [The Nine Choirs of Angels](#)

Seraphim,
Cherubim,
and Thrones

Dominations,
Virtues, and
Powers

Principalities,
Archangels,
and Angels

The Saints

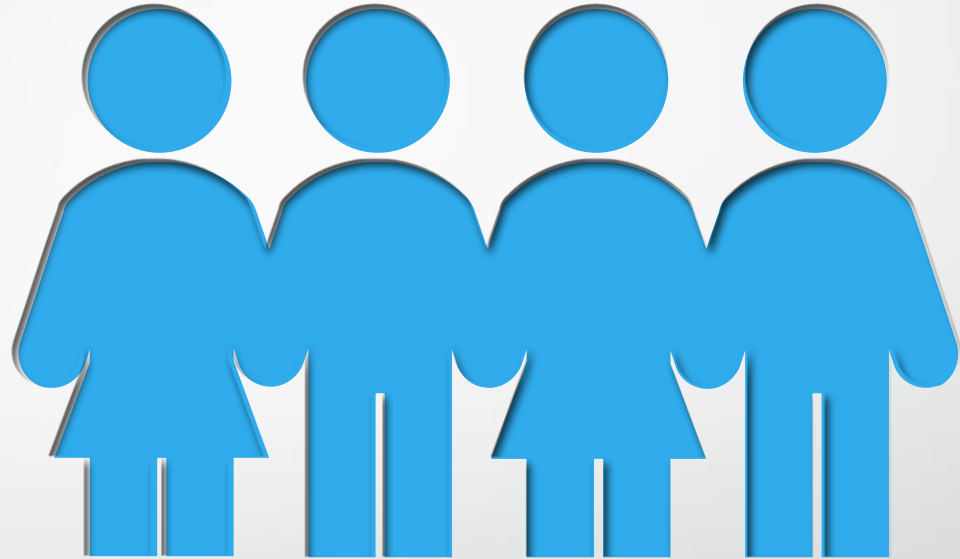
- “Some might argue (and some do argue) that all you need is Jesus. And that’s true: Jesus is everything, and the saints understood this more than anyone. But God in his wisdom has also given us these companions of Jesus to accompany us along the way, so why not accept the gift of their friendship and encouragement?”
- Fr. James Martin, SJ (*My Life With the Saints*, 7).

Mary
The Greatest
among all
Saints



All Are Called to Be Saints

- Can you think of a person who could be a candidate for Canonization?
- What heroic virtues or saintly qualities do they possess?



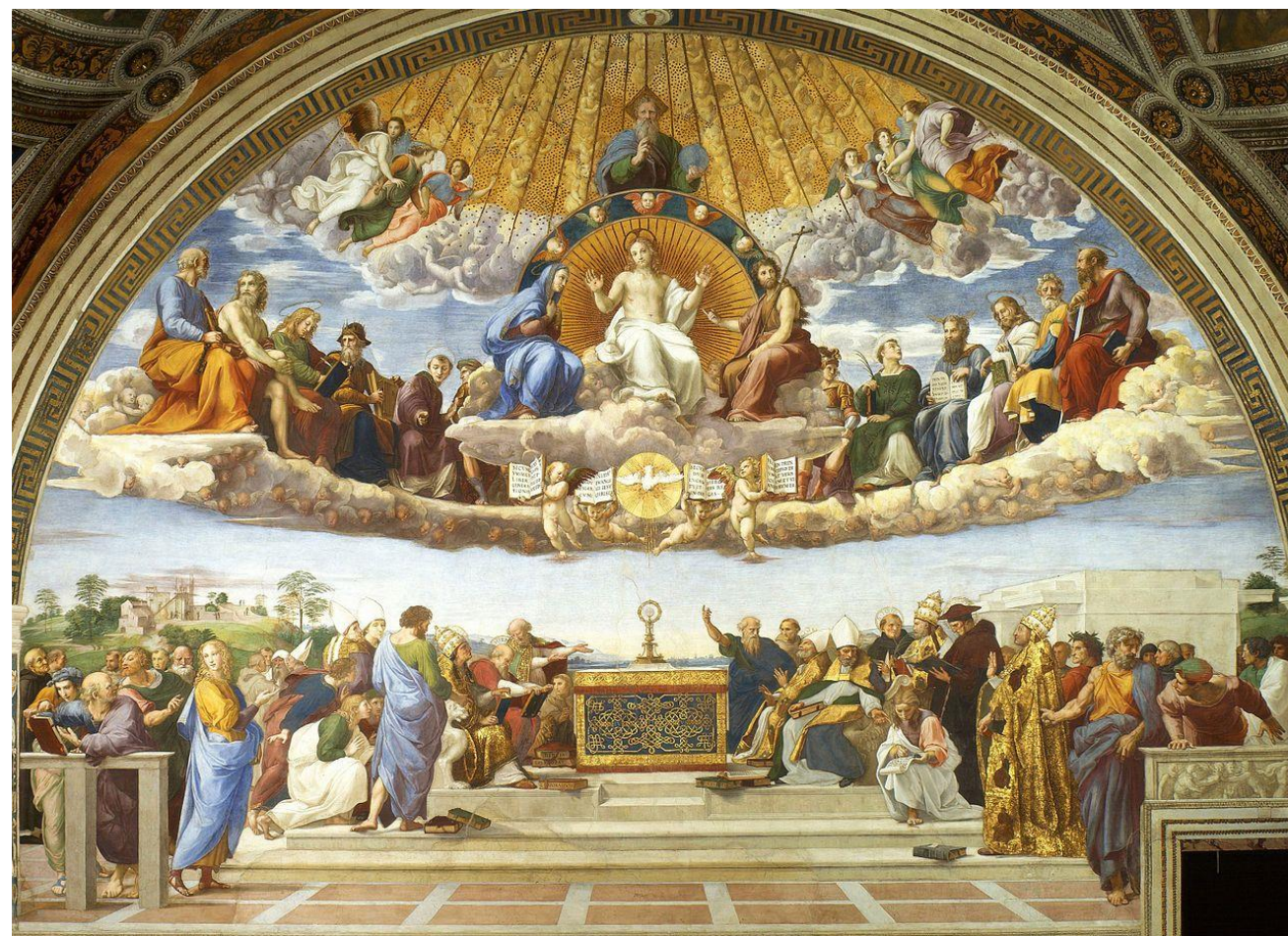
How Does the Church Choose Saints?

- Tradition of honoring the saints has been a part of the Church since the beginning.
- The lives of the saints help to bridge the gap between what we experience and the spiritual realities we cannot fully sense.
- The Church has a three-step canonization process:
 - Cause for Beatification and Canonization requested
 - Miracle proceeding from the persons intercession must be confirmed
 - A second miracle (or first for martyrs) must occur



Why Do Catholics Pray to Saints?

Communion of Saints



Mystical Saints

- Intimate Union with Christ (CCC 2014)
- Someone who enters the mystery of God through Prayer and Contemplation
- Participation in the mystery of Christ through the Sacraments
- Sacred Mysteries
- Mystery of the Holy Trinity

Famous Catholic Mystics

- Saint Augustine (354-430)
- Saint Francis of Assisi (1182-1226)
- Saint Thomas Aquinas (1224-1275)
- Saint Catherine of Siena(1347-1380)
- Saint Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)
- Saint Francis de Sales (1567-1622)
- Saint Catherine Labouré (1806-1876)
- Saint Faustina (1905-1938)
- Saint Padre Pio (1887-1968)

Saint Augustine

- Search for the truth that is God
- Confessions
- The City of God
- On the Trinity
- Love



Saint Thomas Aquinas

- Deep personal love for Christ in the Eucharist
- Incarnation
- Theological Virtue of Faith
- Great Contributor to the Theology of the Roman Catholic Church
- Summa Theologiae



Saint Teresa of Avila

- Look for God starting from within
- Seek to hear God's voice in your own interior
- The Interior Castle
- Bear the cross of Jesus
- Love for Saint Joseph and Our Lady



Saint Francis de Sales

- Achieve holiness everyday
- The Gentleman Saint
- “Little Virtues”
- Honesty, acceptance, generosity, humility, gentleness, strength, kindness, patience, simplicity
- Introduction to Devout Life



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