

Book Reviews & Recommended Reading

John Paul II's Books of Saints

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The Saints of the "Saint-Making" Pope . . .

Officially proclaiming blessed and saints has not been something marginal or occasional in the twenty years of John Paul II's pontificate. Our Sunday Visitor invites you to get acquainted with the blessed and saints, these holy men and women, in *John Paul II's Book of Saints*.

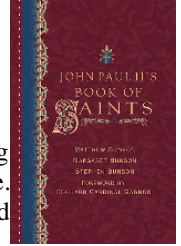
Created in the same easy-to-use format that characterizes Our Sunday Visitor's other popular reference works, *John Paul II's Book of Saints* is an extensive compendium of the Pope's more than three hundred canonizations, and more than seven hundred beatifications to date. Here are the stories of those the Holy Father proposes as models for us to imitate—real people we can feel confident will forward our praises and requests to Our Heavenly Father.

With its emphasis on the Church's vision of the Faith and how holy men and women from around the globe have lived out that vision over the centuries, *John Paul II's Book of Saints* is more than a listing of the Pope's saints and blessed; it is also an inspirational collection of biographies that will enable readers to enrich their faith and explore the courage and conviction of those who have entered the gates of heaven.

"The great variety of gifts and personalities in the new saints and blessed shows that the Holy Spirit is never inactive. They come from the most diverse social and cultural backgrounds; they have had important functions or simple ordinary lives; their pilgrimage on earth has been long or short, they have lived in poverty or in affluent surroundings. They invite all of us to strive toward perfection."

—Edouard Cardinal Gagnon

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From the Maxims of St. Philip Neri

Prayer and Communion are not to be made or desired for the sake of the devotion we feel in them, for that is seeking self, and not God; but we must be frequent in both the one and the other to become humble, obedient, gentle, and patient.

When we see these virtues in a man, then we know that he has really gathered the fruit of prayer and of Communion.

Those who are going to Communion should prepare themselves for more temptations than usual, for the Lord will not have us stand idle.

It is not a good thing to load ourselves with many spiritual exercises; it is better to undertake a little, and go on with it; for if the devil can persuade us to omit an exercise once, he will easily get us to omit it the second time, and the third, until at last all our pious practices will melt away.

