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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.



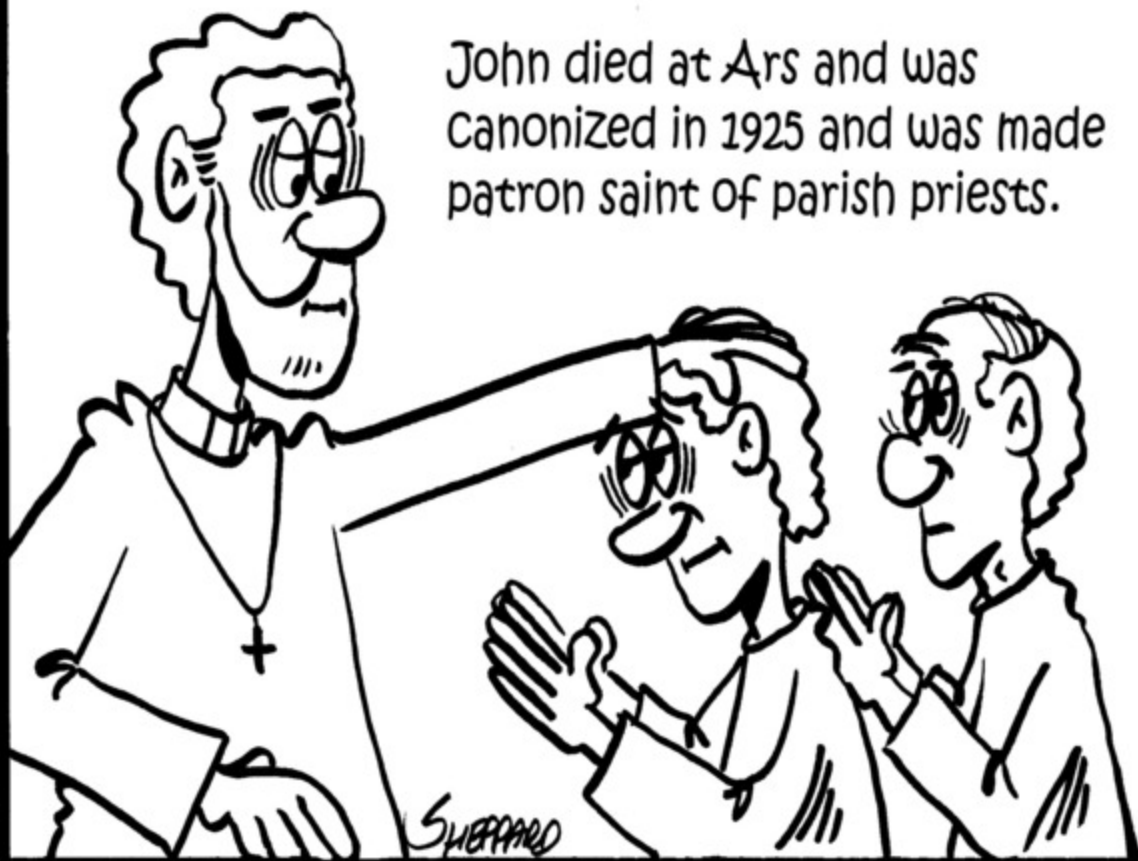
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St John Baptist Vianney was born in France in 1786. After being drafted into the Army, he deserted and returned home and entered the seminary in 1813.

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.



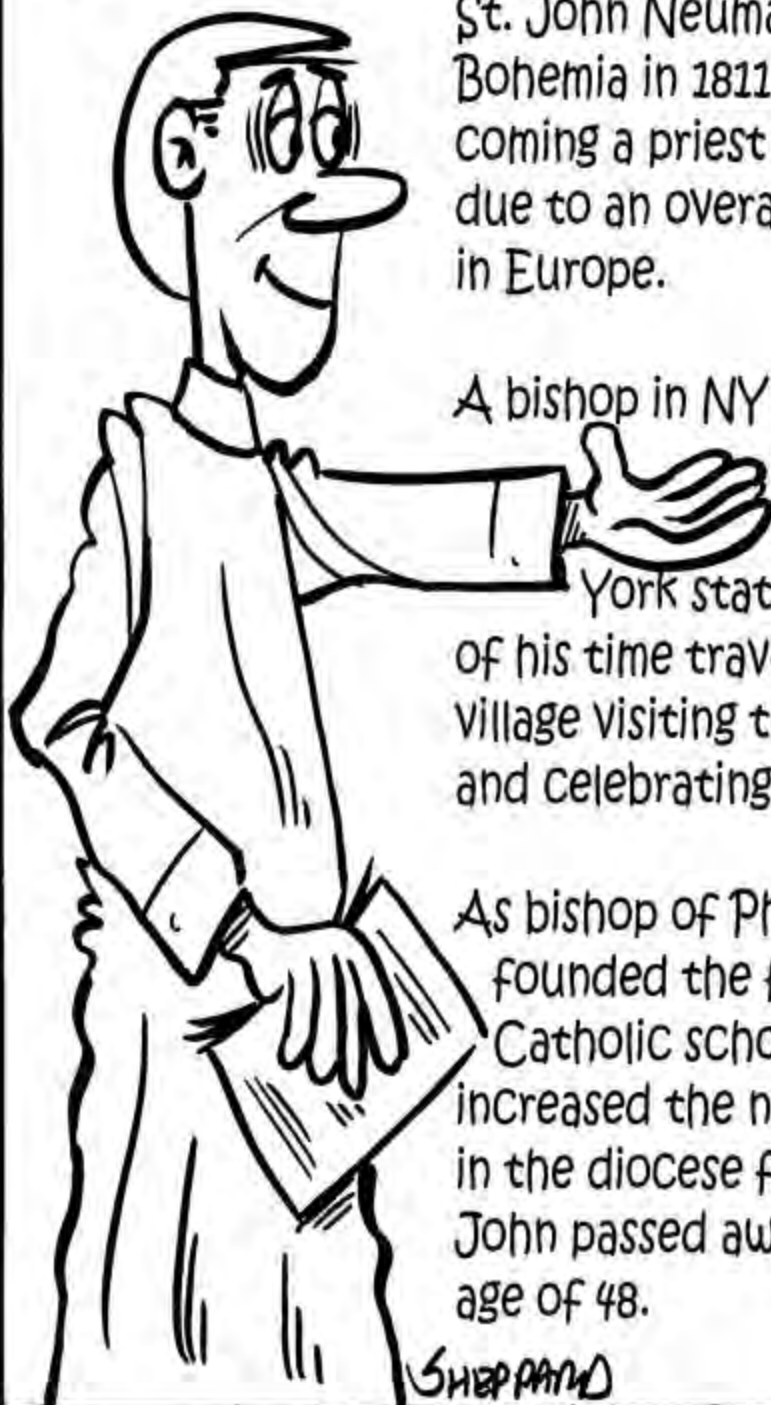
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St. John Neumann was born in Bohemia in 1811. He tried becoming a priest but was rejected due to an overage of ordinations in Europe.

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.

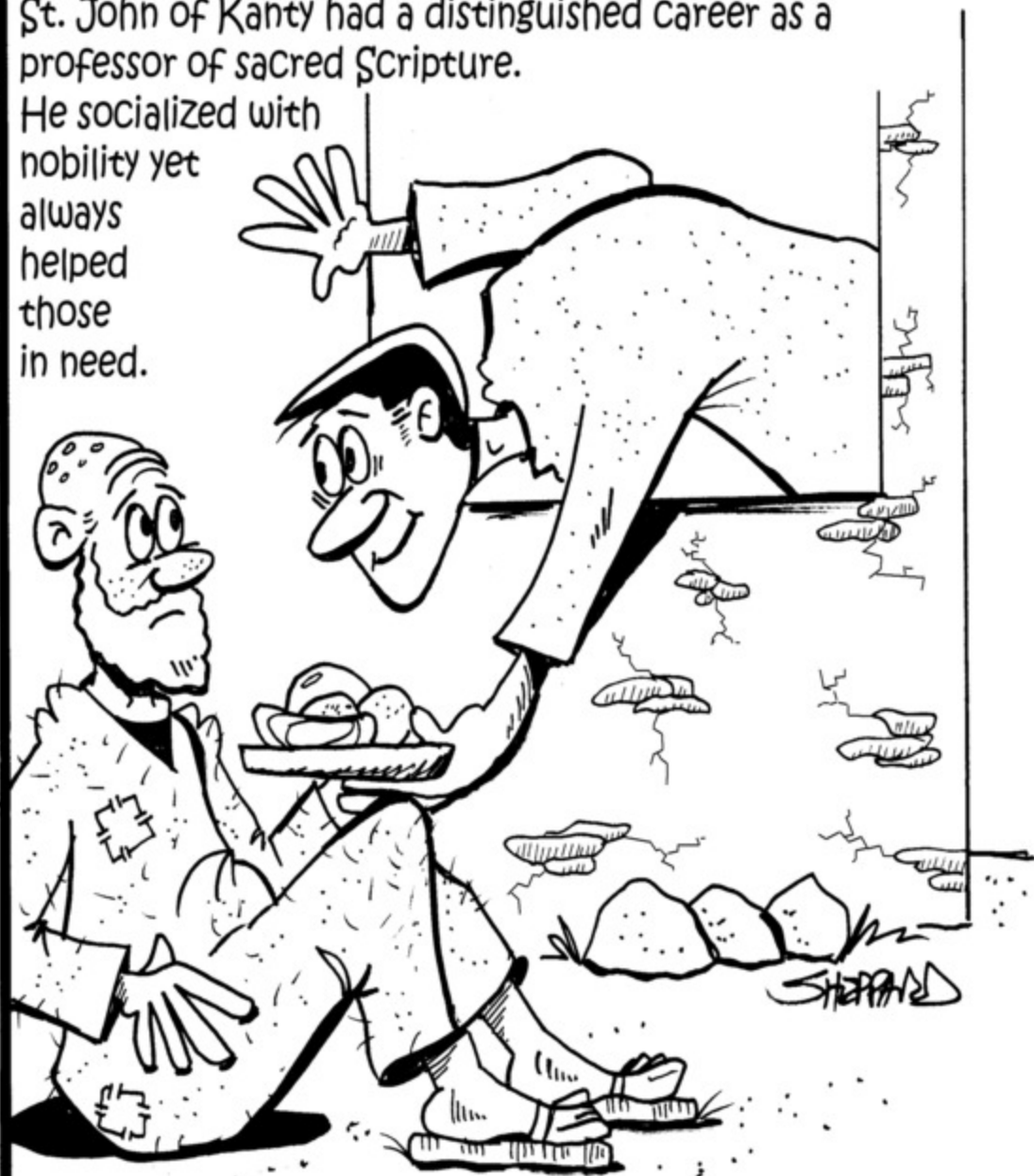


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After retrning from 8 years "in disgrace" to Cracow, St. John of Kanty had a distinguished career as a professor of sacred Scripture.

He socialized with nobility yet always helped those in need.



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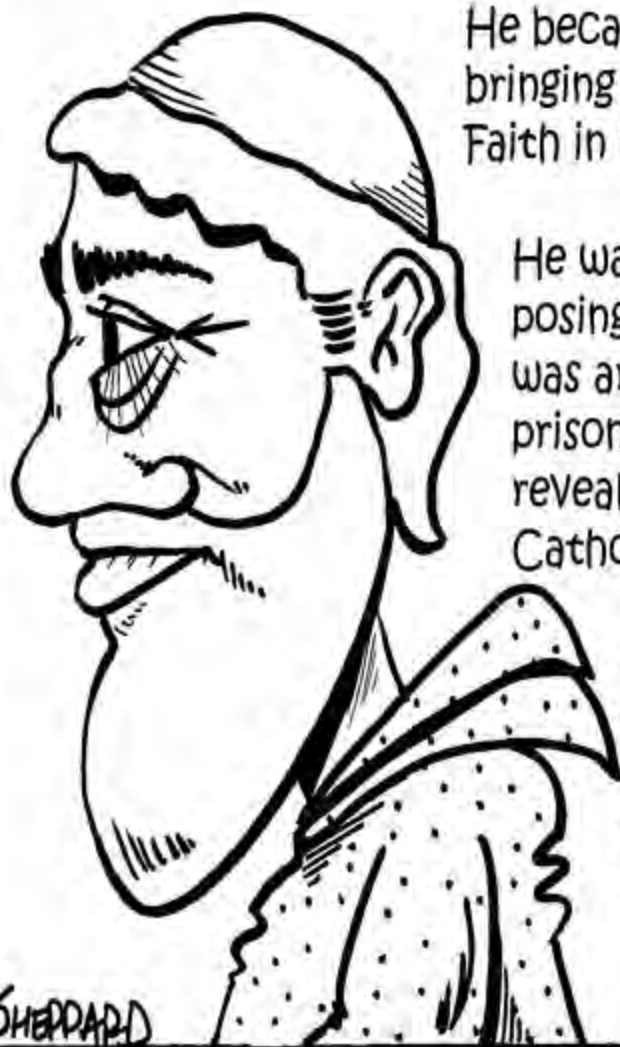
St. John Ogilvie was born in Scotland in 1579 to a very prominent Scottish family. At age 17 he became a Catholic and attended several schools, eventually seeking entrance into the Jesuit community.

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 desciple of Jesus, he was also a prominent figure in the legends surrounding the Holy Grail. He was terned a 'righteous and virtuous man' in the New testament. He is credited with building the first church on the isle of Glastonbury.

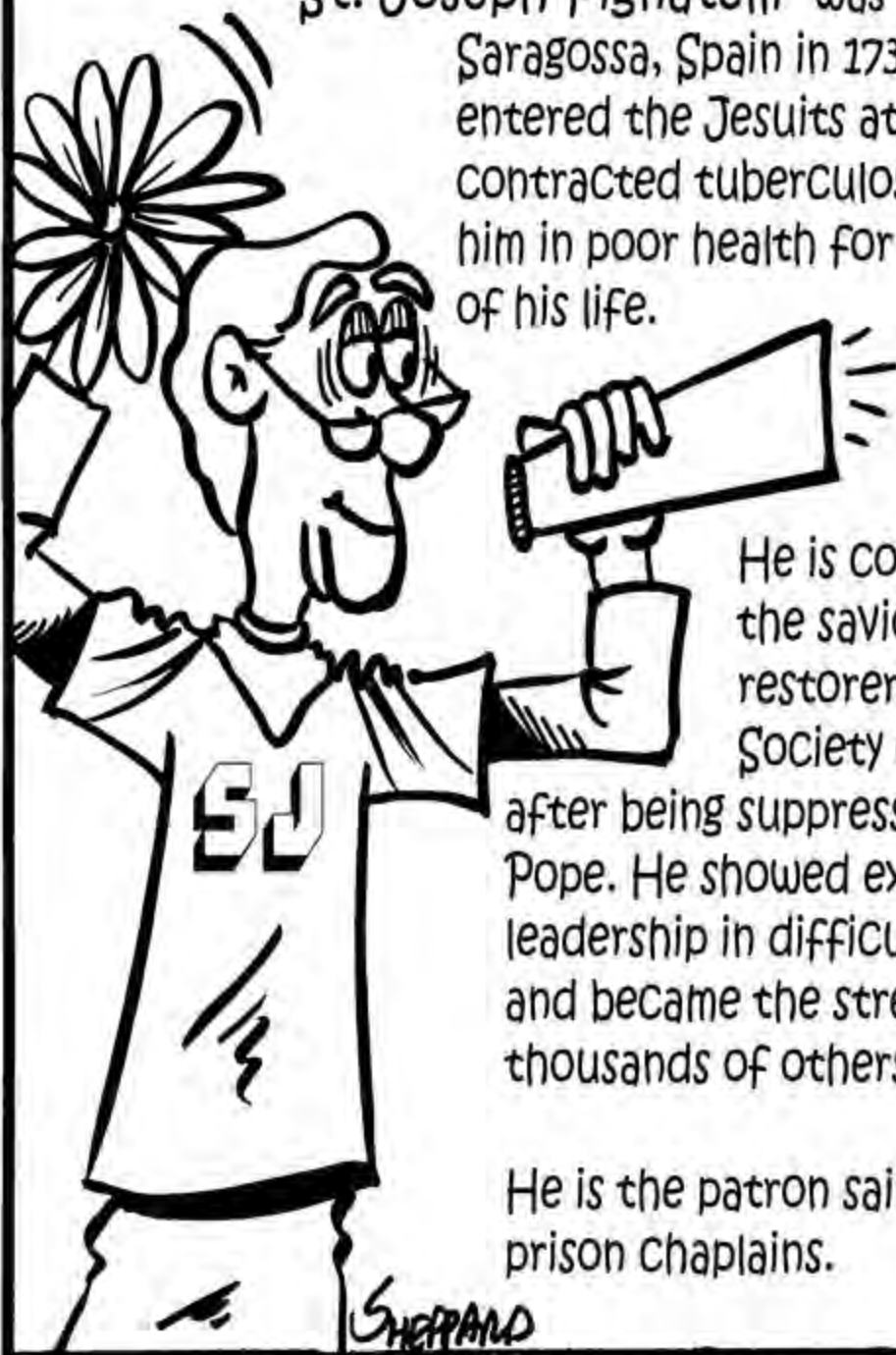


St. Joseph of Arimathea

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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.

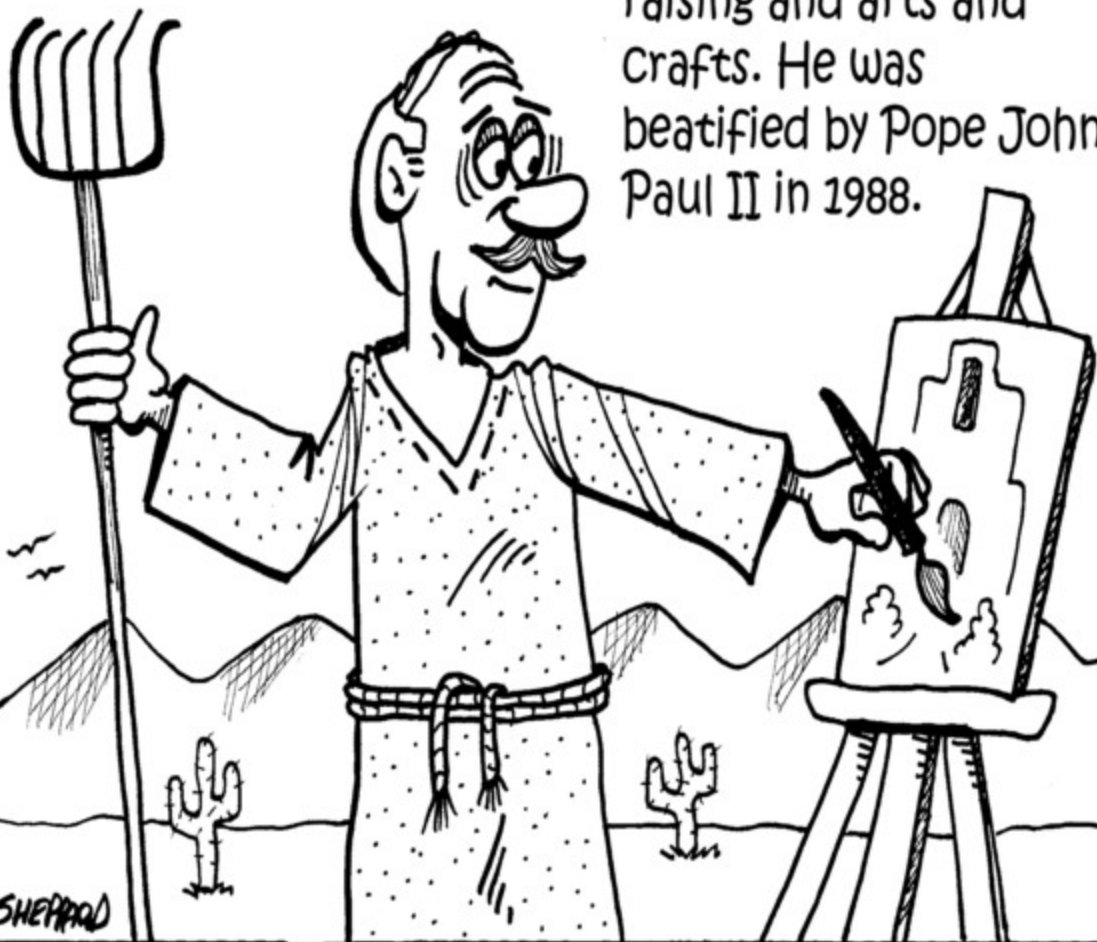
She was canonized by Pope Paul VI in 1969.



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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.



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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.

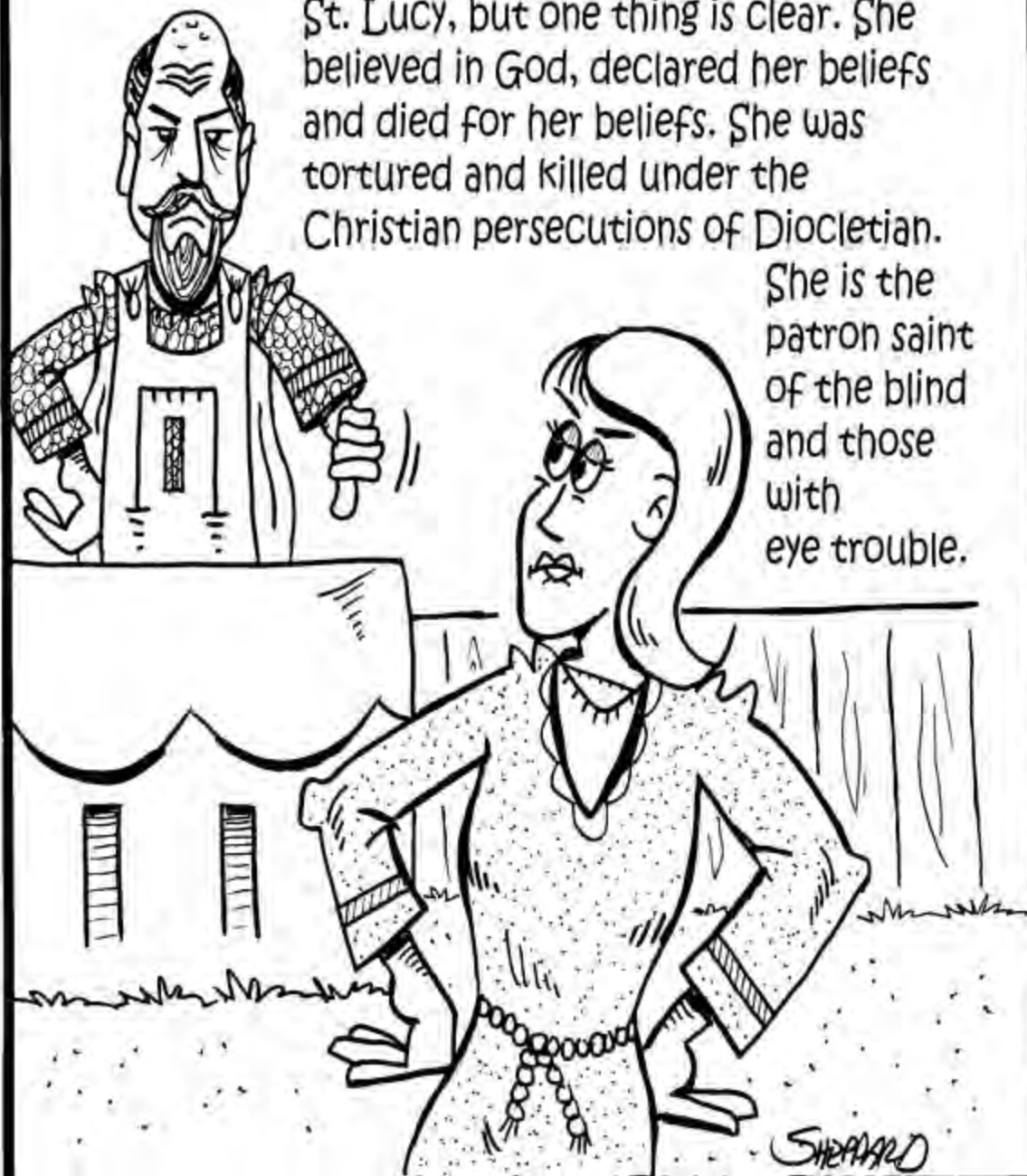


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There is much legend surrounding St. Lucy, but one thing is clear. She believed in God, declared her beliefs and died for her beliefs. She was tortured and killed under the Christian persecutions of Diocletian.

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.'

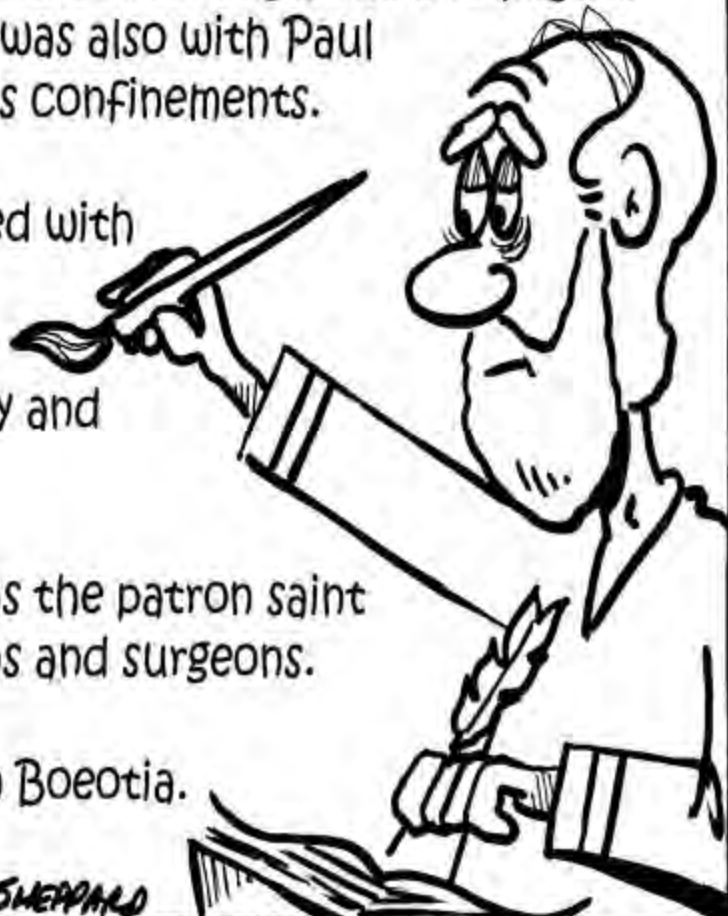
He was one of 'the seventy' and worked with St. Paul, traveling to Rome and converting Jews and pagans to Christianity. He was also with Paul during several of his confinements.

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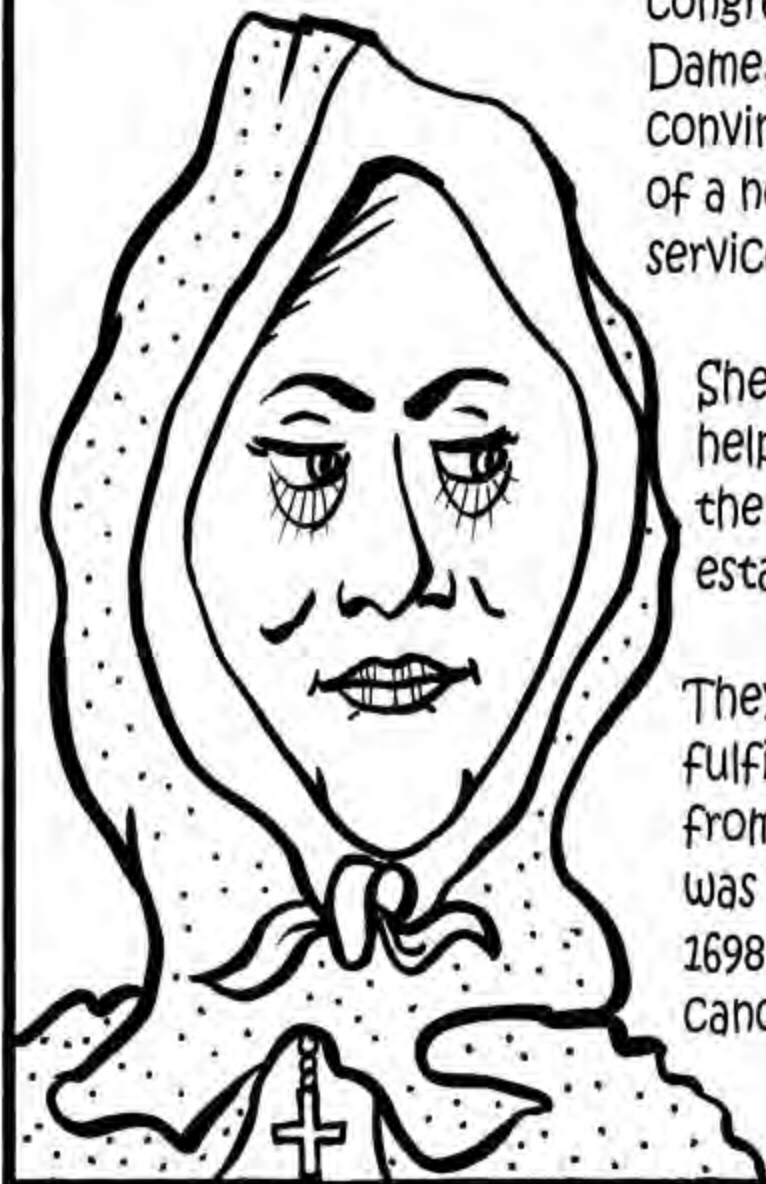
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St. Margueritte served in the Canadian wilderness for many years. She survived Indian attacks, fires and plagues. Resisting efforts for recall back to the

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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