

SAINTS FUN FACTS

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BENEATH A MIGHTY OAK TREE, SAINT BONIFACE ONCE STOPPED SOME PAGANS FROM THE BLOODY SACRIFICE OF A BOY BY BLOCKING THE DEATH BLOW OF A HAMMER WITH HIS BISHOP'S CROOK THEREBY SPLITTING THE HAMMER IN TWO. HE SMACKED THE TRUNK OF THEIR RITUALISTIC OAK, AND AT ONCE A POWERFUL WIND AROSE, RIPPING THE TREE FROM THE GROUND, SMASHING IT TO PIECES.

BONIFACE THEN TOLD THE PEOPLE OF JESUS CHRIST, MANKIND'S SAVIOR WHO SACRIFICED HIMSELF SO OTHERS MAY LIVE FOREVER!

A NEARBY FIR TREE WAS TO BE A SYMBOL OF CHRIST,

FOR ITS LEAVES ARE EVER-GREEN AND POINTED TOWARDS HEAVEN. THE TREE WAS TO BE TAKEN INTO THEIR HOMES, "NOT TO SHELTER DEEDS OF BLOOD, BUT LOVING GIFTS AND RITES OF KINDNESS."



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