



PILLAR PATRONS



Saint Francis Xavier

Patron of Catholic Missions and Missionaries

Saint Francis had a reversion to the faith studying in college at the University of Paris when he became roommates with Saint Ignatius of Loyola. He was one of the founding members of the Society of Jesus and was sent as a missionary with Portuguese colonists to the East, namely India and China. He is said to have baptized over 30,000 converts and he died, a faithful missionary and Papal Nuncio to the East, of a fever in Malaysia on December 3, 1552.

EDUCATION*pillar*



Saint Paul

Patron of Missionaries, Writers, Journalists, Authors, Public Workers

Saint Paul lived in the time of Christ. He was a zealous Jew who persecuted early Christians until the risen Christ appeared to him on his way to Damascus. He became a convert to Christianity and one of the greatest Christian apostles setting up and supporting Churches throughout Greece and Asia Minor. Saint Paul penned almost half of the New Testament in the form of letters to the early Christian communities. He more than once collected donations from all his Churches to support the poor and suffering Christian communities in Jerusalem.

EVANGELIZATION*pillar*



Saint Therese of Lisieux

Patron of the Missions

Therese was the youngest of 9 siblings only 5 of which survived childhood. She followed all 4 of her elder sisters into the convent. With special permission from the Pope, she entered Carmel at 15 years old where she consecrated her life to God as a Carmelite contemplative. Therese prayed and sacrificed for God's kingdom to grow throughout the world. She taught her "Little Way," which taught that what mattered to God was not extraordinary actions but ordinary actions done out of extraordinary love. She died at 24 of tuberculosis and her journal became a best-selling spiritual classic called Story of a Soul. She was made a doctor of the Church and a copatron of the Church's evangelizing missions with Saint Francis Xavier.

DIGNIFIED LIVING*pillar*