

## PATRON SAINTS

Patron saints are an ancient tradition in the Catholic Church. A patron saint is a saint who is venerated as a special intercessor before God. See if you can match the saint and the cause or activity for which he or she is a patron. Use a *Catholic Almanac*, *Catholic Encyclopedia*, or a book like *Butler's Lives of the Saints* to find the answers.

1. Luke \_\_\_\_\_ Accountants
2. Vincent de Paul \_\_\_\_\_ Orators
3. Francis of Assisi \_\_\_\_\_ Priests
4. John of God \_\_\_\_\_ Ecologists
5. Francis Xavier \_\_\_\_\_ Catholic schools
6. John Vianney \_\_\_\_\_ Charitable societies
7. Thomas Aquinas \_\_\_\_\_ Artists
8. Matthew \_\_\_\_\_ Foreign missions
9. John Chrysostom \_\_\_\_\_ Hospitals
10. Aloysius Gonzaga \_\_\_\_\_ Youth

### On your own

Saints are good role models for us. Choose a saint, perhaps the saint you're named after, or one who is patron of a cause or profession that interests you. Read about that saint's life. Write a short summary of the saint's life below.

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LUKE - ARTISTS

VINCENT DE PAUL - CHARITABLE SOCIETIES

FRANCIS OF ASSISI - ECOLOGISTS

JOHN OF GOD - HOSPITALS

FRANCIS XAVIER - FOREIGN MISSIONS

JOHN VIANNEY - PRIESTS

THOMAS AQUINAS - CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

MATTHEW - ACCOUNTANTS

JOHN CHRYSOSTOM - ORATORS

ALOYSIUS GONZAGA - YOUTH