In-Class Notes
1. A saint is someone who is ___in Heaven___ (whether officially recognized or not). The word saint comes from the ___Latin___ word sanctus which means ___holy___ or ___set apart___.

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EARTHLY LIFE

Souls Needing Purification

Souls Purified Before Death

Souls with Mortal Sins

Purgatory

HELL

HEAVEN

Souls Now Purified
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**DO NOT CONFORM.**
ROMANS 12:2
2. There are over \[10,000\] officially named \(\textbf{saints}\) in \(\textbf{Heaven}\), in addition to a countless number of other \(\textbf{saintLY}\) people whose lives were never investigated by the Catholic Church and who will most likely never get the official title of \(\textit{saint}\).
"THE SAINT SONG"

https://youtu.be/Fnt-P38ykc4
3. A lot of Americans today think they’re courageous, independent, and remarkably original leaders, but most of the time they’re just following someone else’s footsteps. For a Christian, being a follower is ___________, just so long as you follow a good _______________. The ________________ are perfect ________________ to follow because they will always lead us to ________________, and therefore, our true home: ________________.
4. In the early years of the Catholic Church, people were declared saints if they were _______________ (Catholics who died for their faith) or by _________________ (Latin for “the voice of the people”).

- martyr
- vox populi
Steps to Sainthood
1. People ask bishop to investigate person’s life

2. After 5 years bishop may give permission for investigation to start

3. Bishop shares info from investigation with the Congregation for the Causes of the Saints

Now called...

“VENERABLE”

STEP 1

1. If further investigation shows that person had “heroic virtue” the C.C.S. will recommend him/her to the pope

2. People are now allowed to ask for this person to intercede (pray) for them

Now called...

“BLESSED”

STEP 2

1. If prayer requests bring about an unexplainable miracle, a date for beatification is set

2. Person is given a feast day

Now called...

“SAINT”

STEP 3

1. Once 2nd miracle occurs, a date for canonization is set

2. Churches can be named after this person

STEP 4
How Does the Catholic Church Declare Official Saints?

https://youtu.be/lUGRpRJWYA
6. Unfortunately, MANY people have misconceptions about what the Catholic Church teaches and believes. For example, many Protestant Christians mistakenly believe that Catholics __________________ worship saints. But Catholic Christians, like Orthodox and Protestant Christians, believe that only ______________ should be worshipped and prayed to. The saints, however, can __________________ pray for us. Just like your friends who are alive on earth can pray for you, so too, can your “friends” who are (even MORE) alive in Heaven pray for you.
Meet

Sister Mara
Litany of the Saints at Sr. Mara’s Final Profession of Vows

https://vimeo.com/159300252
7. Believe it or not, there are ____________ patron saints of athletes, doctors, teachers, mothers, fathers, teenagers, lost items, headaches, the state of Texas, TV, and the Internet.

"Tony, Tony, please come 'round. Something's lost and must be found!"
8. A **relic** is something special associated with a saint, oftentimes divided into three main classes:

- **1st Class Relic**
  - Actual body parts of a saint (bones, hair, tongues!, etc.)

- **2nd Class Relic**
  - Something used by a saint (Bible, rosary, clothes, etc.)

- **3rd Class Relic**
  - Anything touched by the saint or touched to a 1st class relic
RELICS

St. Peter’s chains

St. Francis of Assisi’s robe

St. Ambrose

St. Philip Neri

St. Anthony’s tongue

St. Agnes of Rome’s skull

St. Anthony’s skeleton
What is this a painting of?
9. During the early years of the Church many saints were buried in the ___catacombs___, which were visited by thousands of faithful Catholics. When priests celebrated Mass in these underground cemeteries, they would use the ___tombs___ of the saints instead of traditional ___altars___. For this reason, many current ___altars___ contain 1\textsuperscript{st} class relics of saints from all over the world.
The Crypt of the Popes
(In the Catacombs of Saint Callixtus, Rome, Italy)

Nickname:
“THE LITTLE VATICAN”
10. Many different kinds of miracles have been attributed to saints, such as:

a. ________________________ - Being in two places at once
b. ________________________ - Body failing to decompose after death
c. ________________________ - Floating in the air
d. ________________________ - Seeing or hearing a private revelation from God
e. ________________________ - Sweet smelling aromas coming from a dead body
f. ________________________ - Experiencing the physical wounds of Christ
LEVITATION

St. Joseph of Cupertino
ODOR OF SANCTITY
LOCUTION
A.K.A.
PRIVATE REVELATION

St. Thomas Aquinas
St. Isidore the Farmer

12:07 pm
June 13th
1120 AD

Bilocation
Venerable María de Jesús de Ágreda

Incorruptibility

St. Bernadette of Lourdes

St. Padre Pio
11. The official calendar of saints consists of more than 20 saints each day, is sometimes slightly different in other countries, and can change over time.
12. Saints are sometimes pictured with **halos** to show that they were like moons reflecting the much-needed **light of Christ** to the world.
BE A SAINT!