



**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...

"SERVANT OF GOD"

STEP 1

1. If further investigation shows that person had "heroic virtue" the C.C.S. will recommend him to the pope

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

Now called...

"VENERABLE"

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...

"BLESSED"

STEP 3

1. Once 2nd miracle occurs, a date for canonization is set
2. Churches can be named after this person



Now called...

"SAINT"

STEP 4