New Saints

Saints Canonized in the 21st Century

Damien of Molokai

Canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on October 11, 2009. St. Damien volunteered to go to the island of Molokai, Hawaii to live with, help, and take care of the lepers there.

Marianne Cope

Canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on October 21, 2012. St. Marianne Cope answered the plea of the Hawaiian king to come to Hawaii to work with the lepers. She worked in hospitals on the islands of Molokai, Oahu, and Maui to care for the sick.

Kateri Tekakwitha

Canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on Oct. 21, 2012, she is the first Native American to be named a saint by the Catholic Church. St. Kateri is the patron saint of Native Americans, ecology and the environment, as well as people in exile.

Laura Montoya

Canonized by Pope Francis on May 12, 2013. She is the first saint of Columbia. St. Laura became a teacher to help her family and then decided to help the Indians of South America. She dedicated her life to bringing the love of Christ to them.

Pope John XXIII

Canonized on April 27, 2014 by Pope Francis. St. Pope John XXIII called for a Second Vatican council which led to an emphasis on ecumenism and changes to liturgy.

Pope John Paul II

Canonized on April 27, 2014 by Pope Francis. St. Pope John Paul II served as Pope from 1978 to 2005 and visited 129 countries during that time. He worked to bring together Jews, Muslims, and Christians.

Junipero Serra

Canonized by Pope Francis on September 23, 2015 when he visited the United States. He is the first saint canonized on American soil. St. Junipero Serra is known for establishing missions in California and bringing Catholicism to the area.

Louis and Zelie Martin

Canonized on October 18, 2015 by Pope Francis. St. Louis and St. Zelie are the first people in the history of the church to be canonized together as a married couple. They are the parents of St. Therese of Lisieux and are recognized for dedication to their faith, marriage and family.

Mother Teresa

Canonization on September 4, 2016 by Pope Francis. Mother Teresa is known around the world for her works of mercy and service to the poorest of the poor.

Jose Sanchez del Rio

Canonization on October 16, 2016 by Pope Francis. Jose was a Mexican boy martyred for his faith 1928 at the age of 14. He is a reminder to all of us, whether young or old, to follow the call of Jesus Christ.