

Doctors of the Church

This is a very special title accorded by the Church to certain saints. This title indicates that the writings and preachings of such a person are useful to Christians "in any age of the Church." Such men and women are also particularly known for the depth of understanding and the orthodoxy of their theological teachings. While the writings of the Doctors are often considered inspired by the Holy Spirit; this does not mean they are infallible, but it does mean that they contributed significantly to the formulation of Christian teaching in at least one area.

	Name	Lifespan
1	St. Albert the Great	1206 - 1280
2	St. Alphonsus Ligouri	1696 - 1787
3	St. Ambrose	339 - 397
4	St. Anselm	1033 - 1109
5	St. Anthony of Padua	1195 - 1231
6	St. Athanasius	296 - 373
7	St. Augustine	354 - 430
8	St. Basil the Great	329 - 379
9	St. Bede the Venerable	672 - 735
10	St. Bernard of Clairvaux	1090 - 1153
11	St. Bonaventure	1221 - 1274
12	St. Catherine of Siena	1347 - 1380
13	St. Cyril of Alexandria	376 - 444
14	St. Cyril of Jerusalem	315 - 386
15	St. Ephraem the Syrian	306 - 373
16	St. Francis de Sales	1567 - 1622
17	St. Gregory of Narek	951 - 1003
18	St. Gregory of Nazianzus	325 - 389

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19	St. Gregory the Great	540 - 604
20	St. Hilary of Poitiers	315 - 367
21	St. Hildegard of Bingen	1098 - 1179
22	St. Isidore of Seville	560 - 636
23	St. Jerome	347 - 419
24	St. John Chrysostom	347 - 407
25	St. John of Avila	1500 - 1569
26	St. John of Damascus	645 - 749
27	St. John of the Cross	1542 - 1591
28	St. Lawrence of Brindisi	1559 - 1619
29	St. Leo the Great	400 - 461
30	St. Peter Canisius	1521 - 1597
31	St. Peter Chrysologous	400 - 450
32	St. Peter Damian	1007 - 1072
33	St. Robert Bellarmine	1542 - 1621
34	St. Teresa of Avila	1515 - 1582
35	St. Therese of Lisieux	1873 - 1897
36	St. Thomas Aquinas	1226 - 1274



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Doctors of the Church Saints Project

Choose 1 of the 36 Doctors of the Church to research, then begin by answering the below questions about this saint.

Some tips... Don't just choose the first or second saint you find. Do some digging and find someone that you're excited to learn more about. Make sure you can find a lot of good info about your saint. Choose a saint that challenges you. As Bishop Robert Barron says, "It's good to learn about saints that we really enjoy and are a lot like us, but it's also good to learn about saints that aren't like us because they challenge us in different ways that we're not used to."

- 1) Which saint did you choose? _____
- 2) Did this saint have any nicknames or other names that they are known by? _____
- 3) Born / Died: _____
- 4) Feast Day: _____
- 5) When were they canonized? _____
- 6) Where did they live (most of their life)? _____
- 7) Patron saint of what? _____
- 8) Why are they the patron saint of this? _____

- 9) What famous quotes are attributed to your saint? _____

- 10) What books or writings is your saint famous for? _____

