



POPE JOHN XXIII

ANGELO GIUSEPPE RONCALLI

Blessed Are the Peacemakers

1881–1963

Born in Sotto il Monte, Italy

Feast Day: October 11

Patron of Papal Delegates and
the Second Vatican Council

**“Blessed are the peacemakers, for
they will be called children of God.”**

Matthew 5:9

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Dedication

To my family:
my parents Jim and Peg,
my husband Bill,
our son Sam and daughter-in-law Erin,
and our precious grandchildren
Ben, Lucas, and Andrew

To all the children I have had the privilege
of teaching throughout the years.

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Dear Parents and Teachers:

Saints and Me! is a six-set series of children's books about saints, including the: *Saints of North America* who served our homeland; *Saints of Christmas*, who teach us to love Jesus; *Saints for Families*, who modeled God's love within and for the domestic Church; *Saints for Communities*, who served Jesus through various roles and professions; and *Saints for Sacraments*, who showed great love for the sacraments.

The eight books in *Saints of the Beatitudes* (a word meaning "a list of blessings from God") introduce nine holy people who exemplify attributes Jesus articulated in his Sermon on the Mount. Faustina Kowalska's diary, *Divine Mercy in My Soul*, read by millions, helped spread God's message of mercy. Patrick, a missionary, brought Christianity to Ireland. Monica prayed her wayward son, Augustine, would return to the faith. He did and was canonized. Katharine Drexel abandoned her comfortable life to become a nun. Carlo Acutis shared his faith and love of the Eucharist through technology. Bernadette Soubirous experienced visions of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Pope John XXIII convoked the Second Vatican Council, hoping to revive the Church. Jude was an apostle of our Lord.

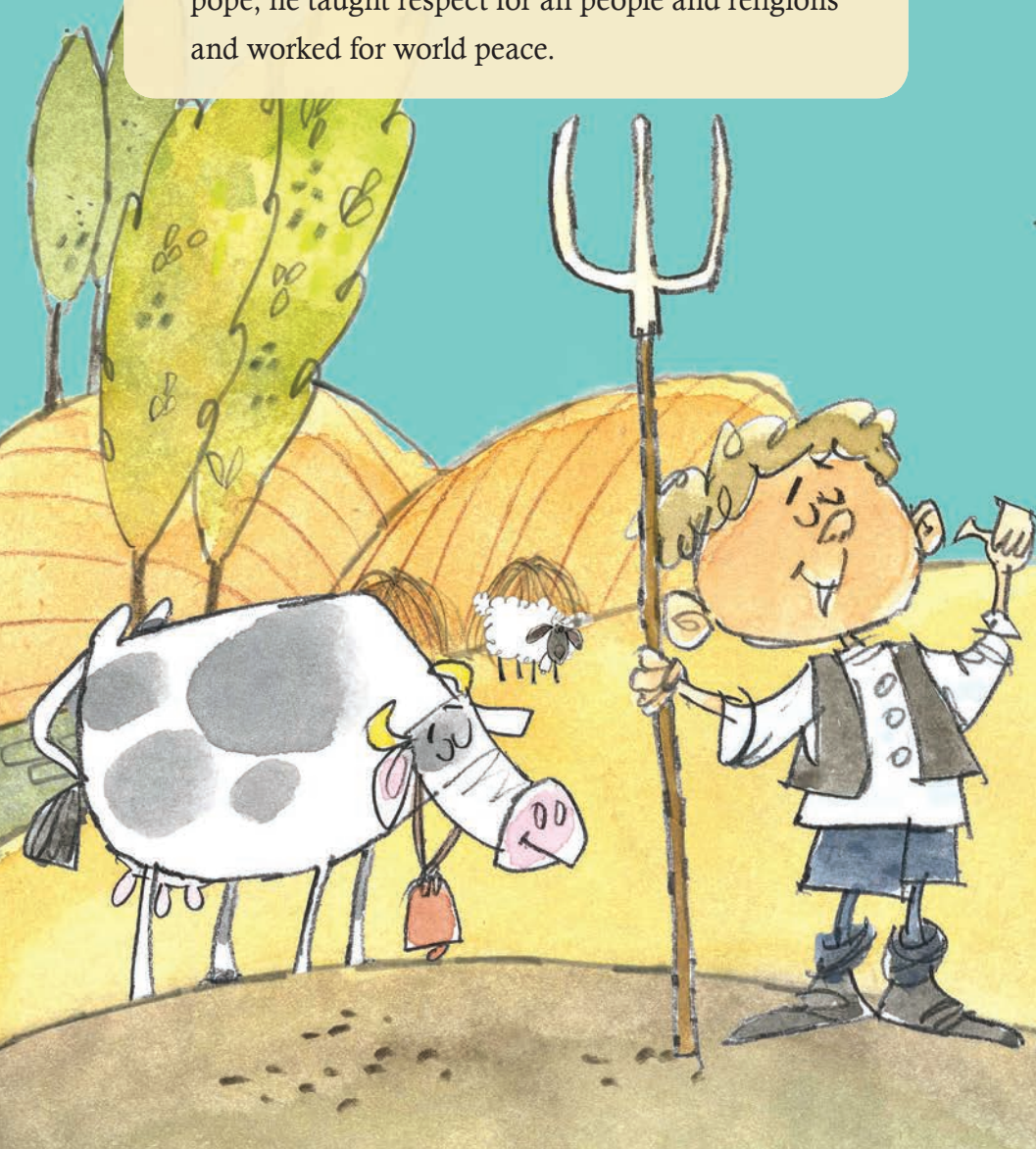
Which saint was captured by pirates and sold into slavery? Name the saints with back-to-back feast days (August 27–28). Who gave \$20 million to build churches and schools? Who created a website about eucharistic miracles? Who did Jesus appear and speak to? Who said, "My job is to inform, not to convince"? Who wrote *Peace on Earth* in 1963? Who is the patron of impossible causes? Find out in the *Saints of the Beatitudes* set—part of the *Saints and Me!* series—and help children connect to the lives of the saints.

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- READ** about the lives of the saints and are inspired by their stories.
- PRAY** to the saints for their intercession.
- CELEBRATE** the saints and relate them to their lives.

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“When I grow up, I am going to be a priest,” Angelo told his friends. And that is exactly what he did! Ordained in 1904, he served the people of God in many ways. Over the years, Fr. Roncalli was a bishop, archbishop, cardinal, and pope! As pope, he taught respect for all people and religions and worked for world peace.



The Roncalli family lived in a small stone building on a farm near Bergamo, Italy. Angelo was the third oldest of thirteen children. They went to church together, prayed together, and helped their neighbors and people in need. His father thought he would become a farmer like himself. But Angelo heard God calling him. He told his father, "I want to be a priest."





Angelo went to the seminary to study. He liked to learn about the history of the Church. He also liked to read about the lives of the saints. Some of his favorite saints were St. Joseph, St. John the Baptist, and St. Francis de Sales. Angelo was inspired by many great saints his whole life.

