

Edge: Kingdom Come
(Week of Feb. 7)
On the Call to Holiness & Sainthood



“Thus it is evident to everyone, that all the faithful of Christ of whatever rank or status, are called to the fullness of the Christian life and to the perfection of charity” Lumen Gentium, 40

GATHER—Saint Emoji-ary. How many saints can you match to the emojis?? Try it [HERE!](#)

CONNECT: We may feel we can not relate to the Saints because we imagine them to have lived a perfect, sinless, always loving God, nice to everyone kind of life. But that’s not the case! Amy breaks down what it truly means to be [Called to Holiness and Sainthood](#).

EXPLORE: Main Points to Take Away

- God calls all of us to a life of holiness as part of the Communion of Saints.
- Living a life of holiness means following the example and teachings of Jesus.
- We have many examples of how to do this, including the saints, as well as other people who have answered the call to serve God and His children.
- A good place to start is to follow God’s call to love one another, especially strangers and enemies.

Discussion from Amy’s Proclaim

Take some time to talk about whether you are able to relate to the saints, or if they just seem intimidating and perfect. Why do you think you feel the way you do about the saints?

Journal: *I’m a Saint*

- Answer the question, and discuss what you chose to be patron saint of, and why you chose it.
- There are so many wonderful saints in the Church that can help lead us to live saintly lives as well. Their words are the words of people like you and me who want to go to heaven. Many saints wrote books and diaries so that we can take inspiration from their lives, how they loved the Lord, and how to live it out in our own lives.
- Take a moment to read through the saint quotes on page 7. Check next to the ones that stick out to you. After a few minutes, discuss which quotes they chose and why.

REFLECT

Examination of Love

It is difficult to know where to start in order to “be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.” Good thing Jesus told us how—it starts with love. When we love as God does, then we become perfect, wholly ourselves. And St. Paul tells us what exactly love is!

Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7.

You may have heard this passage before. We can use it as a kind of examination of conscience. Now tell the teens to read it to themselves, but every time the passage says “love” or “it”, tell them to substitute it with their own name. Ex: “John is patient, John is kind...” When reading to yourself, where does it become untrue? (I’m not patient, I can be quick-tempered, etc.) Write down one or more areas that you need to grow in love.

Close in Prayer: Ask that you may all grow in love and live up to the call of holiness and sainthood.

LIVE IT

This week, use 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 as a daily examination of conscience. Pray with it before bed, recalling your day, and resolve ways to better love the next day