

The APOSTLES of JESUS

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Peter the First Pope

JESUS told Peter: “You are Peter and upon this Rock I will build My Church.” Peter was the first Pope of the Catholic Church.

Peter led the Church at Jerusalem, then in Antioch, and finally in Rome. He ruled kindly and worked many miracles.

In the year 67 he was crucified upside down because he considered himself unworthy to die as Jesus had. He is honored with two feasts: February 22 and June 29.

SAINT JOHN

JOHN was the youngest of the Apostles. He and his brother James had been followers of John the Baptist.

One day Jesus saw them helping their father mend fish nets. He called them: “Come, follow Me!” And from then on they stayed close to Him.

They were very devoted to Jesus and one day they wanted to call down fire on a town that refused to receive Him. He named them, “sons of thunder.”

Their mother Salome asked Jesus to give them places of honor, and they pledged that they could drink of Jesus’ chalice of suffering.

Jesus did not promise them places of honor, but a special share in His friendship and love. They would drink of His chalice, for they would suffer and die for the love of Jesus.





SAINT PAUL

PAUL was a Jew who hated the Christians. He was on his way to arrest them when a light from heaven suddenly shone around him.

Saul fell to the ground and heard the words: “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute Me?” He asked: “Who are You, Lord?”

The voice replied: “I am Jesus, Whom you are persecuting.” Saul asked: “Lord, what do You want me to do?” The voice told him to go into the city and he would be told.