

A Light for Jesus

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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 series of children's books about saints, with six books in each set. The first set is titled Saints of North America. This second set, Saints of Christmas, selects seven heavenly heroes who teach us to love the Infant Jesus. Some saints in this set have feast days within Advent and Christmas time, but others are celebrated within ordinary time and Easter time. We selected these saints based on their connection to the Christmas story and how they inspire us to let the mystery of Christ's birth grow within our hearts.

Saints of Christmas includes the heroic lives of seven saints from different times and places who loved Jesus. Saints Mary and Joseph witnessed the miracle of God's abundant love for humanity as our Infant Savior entered the world to bring us home to God. Saint Lucy followed Jesus in a time when Christianity was against the law. The story of Saint Nicholas was so incredible that it inspired our secular notion of Santa Claus. Saint Francis of Assisi added much flavor to our current Christmas traditions. Saint Martin de Porres is a biracial saint who teaches us about divine love for all people. And a saint of our own era, Gianna Beretta Molla, witnessed a deep belief in the gift of life.

Which saint cared for slaves from Africa? Who became a doctor and mother? What saints were present at Jesus' birth in Bethlehem? Who desired to be a knight? Which saint was a bishop of a seaport city? Do you know which saint's name means "light?" Find the answers in the *Saints of Christmas* set, part of the *Saints and Me!* series, and help your child identify with the lives of the saints.

Introduce your children or students to the *Saints and Me!* series as they:

-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 to their lives.

Lucy lived a very long time ago, just a few hundred years after Jesus died and rose again. She was a Christian and an early member of the Church. Lucy loved Jesus with all her heart.

She was born in Sicily, an island near Italy. Her mother taught her about Jesus. Lucy learned how to pray and how to help people. Sharing the Christian faith was important to Lucy.

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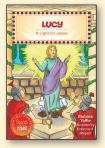
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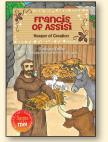
It was not always easy to be a Christian in the early years of the Church. It was against the law to believe in Jesus. Sometimes Christians were punished or put to death by the Roman governor.

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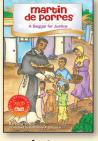
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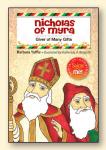
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Francis of Assisi Keeper of Creation



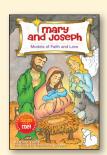
Martin de Porres A Beggar for Justice



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Gianna Beretta Molla Wife, Mother, and Doctor



mary and Joseph Models of Faith and Love



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