

Saint Martin Porres Reception



Reception - RCB



Saint Martin Porres was a Peruvian lay brother.

When he was a little boy he lived with his mother and his sister but they were very poor.

Martin would spend hours every night praying.

When he was 15 he wanted to join a monastery but under Peruvian law he wasn't allowed as his family were from Africa. He asked The Dominicans of Holy Rosary Priory in Lima to accept him as a "donado", a volunteer who performed menial tasks in the monastery in return for the privilege of wearing the habit and living with the religious community.



Martin was a kind and caring young man who liked to look after other people.

After 8 years at the Holy Rosary, the head Prior decided to ignore the law and let Martin take his vows as a member of the Third Order of Saint Dominic.

Unfortunately, not everyone was happy with this decision and some of the priests were very mean to Martin!



Martin was a wonderful kind and caring man.

He would feed the poor, usually feeding 160 poor people every day!

He loved children and established an orphanage and a children's hospital.

Martin also loved animals and was even said to be able to talk to animals!



St. Martin performed many miracles including healing very sick people.

When he died on 3rd November 1639 he had earned the love and respect of his fellow Dominicans as well as the people who lived outside the monastery.

His Feast day is 3rd November.

kind

caring

talks to animals

healer



devout

helpful

humble

holy

Saint Josephine Bakhita Reception





Saint Josephine Bakhita was a Sudanese religious sister.

When she was a little girl she lived in Sudan, Africa with her family and was very happy.

When she was 7 years old she was taken from her family and forced to be a slave.

She was treated very badly and was very unhappy.



12 years later she was sold to an Italian family who treated her with more kindness.

The Italian family had to go back to Sudan for business so left Josephine with the Canossian Sisters (nuns) in Venice.

There Josephine was taught about God and His love for her.

On 29 November 1889, an Italian court ruled that Josephine should never have been a slave and her freedom was granted.



Josephine decided to stay with the nuns and was baptised, received Holy Communion and was confirmed on 9th January 1890.

Over the next 42 years, Josephine served God and was a kind, helpful and cheerful person.



Because she was such a kind and holy person, Josephine was canonized as Saint Josephine Bakhita on 1st October 2000.

Saint Josephine Bakhita's feast day is 8th February.

courageous

brave

gentle

inspirational



forgiving

kind

cheerful

holy

Saint Clare



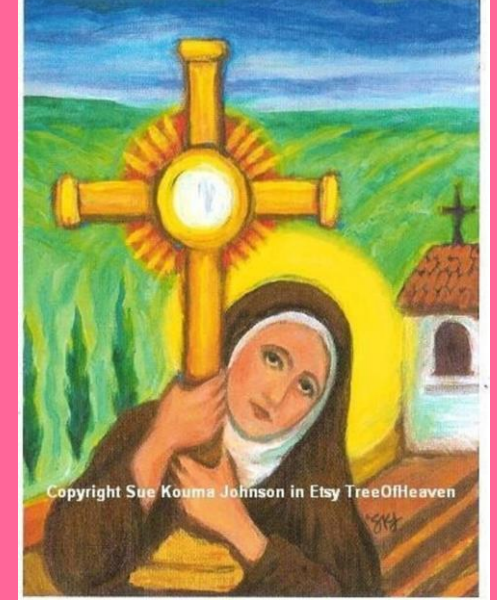
St Clare was born on the 16th July 1194 in Assisi Italy. Her Feast Day is the 11th of August.

She was born of a wealthy family. She knew St Francis and saw how happy he was following God.

Even as a child, Clare had a special friendship with Jesus. She loved to pray and to do holy things for him.



Clare's father had made plans for his beautiful daughter to marry a rich young nobleman. But Clare, who had given her heart completely to Jesus was determined not to marry.



Clare knew her father would not grant her wish, so she slipped out of the palace in the middle of the night on Palm Sunday. She went to the little chapel of Saint Mary of the Angels.

There, Clare traded her rich clothing for simple habit and veil, and after singing and praying, St Francis cut off Clare's long, beautiful hair as a symbol of her commitment to a new way of life.

When we think of St Clare we think of:

friendship

joy

motivation



loyalty

peace

bravery



St. Raphael is an Archangel

Archangel means *'Above Angels'*

An Archangel role is to protect, guide and inspire us.

St Raphael is known as the
'Angel of Healing'

He works to heal peoples mind, bodies
and spirit.





St Raphael's name means 'God has Healed'

In the Bible St Raphael used a fish to heal a blind person.

He is also mentioned in John 5:1–4 “an angel of the Lord descended at certain times into the pond; and the water was moved. And he that went down first into the pond after the motion of the water was made whole of whatsoever infirmity he lay under”.



Doctors



Travellers



Nurses



Blind people



Happy meetings

role model

holy

protector

loving



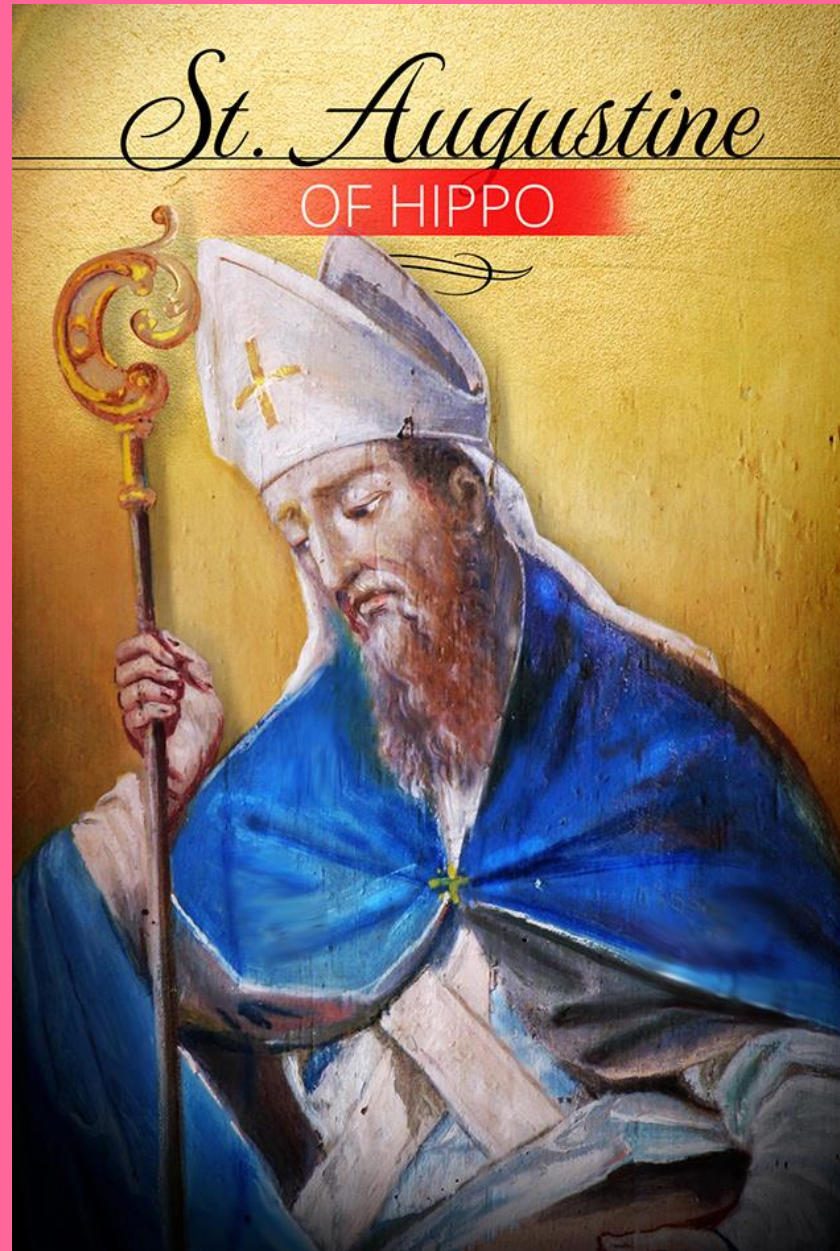
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2S - St Augustine



Saint Augustine

- St Augustine was born November 13th in 354 AD.
- His feast day is celebrated 15th June.
- His mother was a Christian, and his father a pagan.
- His family were wealthy and he had a very good education.
- Augustine made some bad choices and mistakes before he found God and changed his life.

Saint Augustine

- He became a Christian when he was 32 years old.
- Eventually he was ordained a priest and later on even became a bishop.
- He preached for many years and was known for speaking for up to an hour at a time!
- He is the patron saint of theologians, he was very wise and shared his many ideas.

This is a quote by St Augustine. As it is kindness week, we feel this quote is really special and teaches us to love and support others.

WHAT DOES LOVE LOOK LIKE? IT HAS THE HANDS TO HELP OTHERS. IT HAS THE FEET TO HASTEN TO THE POOR AND NEEDY. IT HAS EYES TO SEE MISERY AND WANT. IT HAS THE EARS TO HEAR THE SIGHS AND SORROWS OF MEN. THAT IS WHAT LOVE LOOKS LIKE.

ST. AUGUSTINE

Saint Brigid



- Saint Brigid was born in Ireland.
- Saint Brigid is one of Irelands patron saints, alongside St. Patrick.
- Her feast day is 1st February.
- From a young age, Brigid was loving, caring and a generous person.
- She often gave away food and valuable items from her home to poorer people. Her father was a wealthy man. He did not like how generous she was.

Facts about Saint Brigid

- When Saint Brigid was a little older, she travelled to another place in Ireland.
- She asked the bishop if she could become a nun.
- Saint Brigid founded the first convent in Ireland.
- As a tradition, people like to make crosses using straw in her memory.
- The crosses are sprinkled with holy water.

Qualities of Saint Brigid

Compassionate

Caring

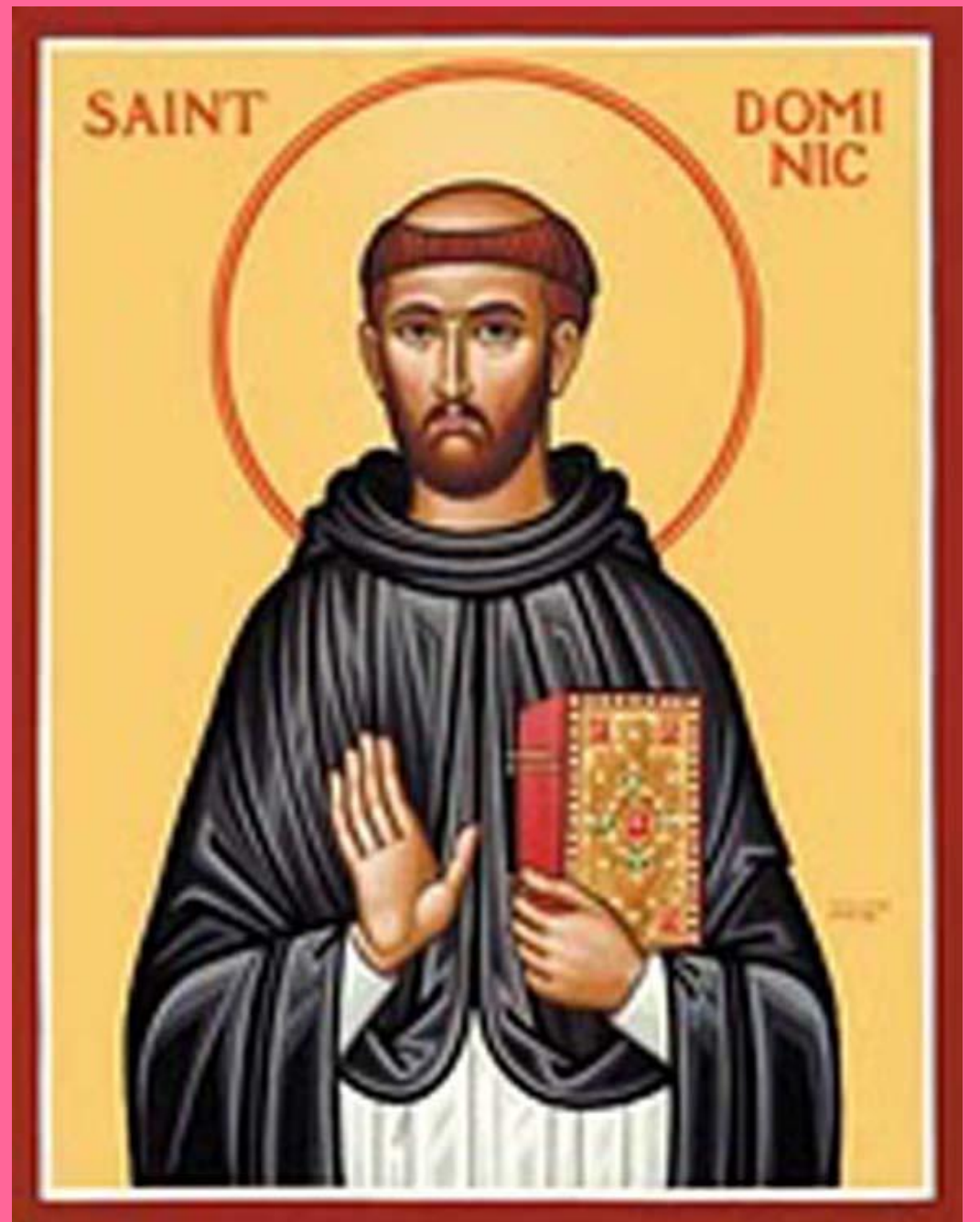


Loving

Generous

Saint Dominic

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He was born around 1170.

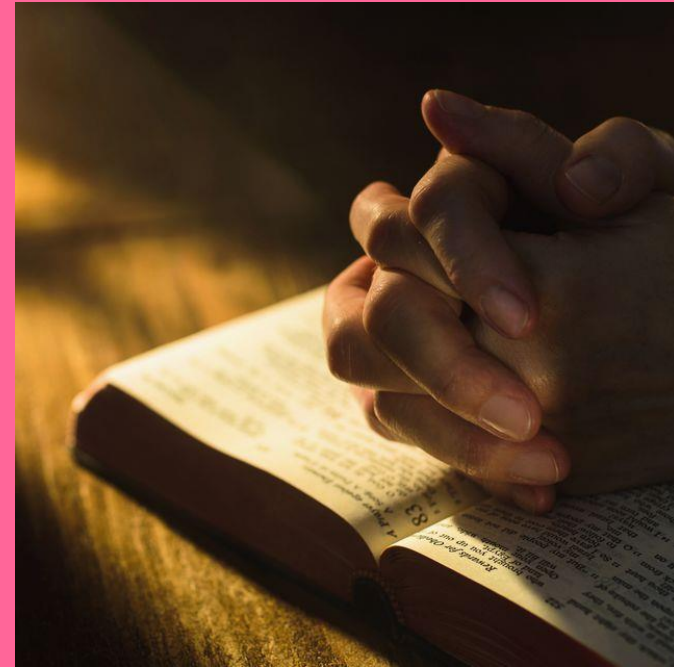
He was a good student, very intelligent and worked extremely hard.

He was ordained a priest at the age of 25.

At that time there were wars between Muslims and Christians.

He wanted to raise money for the poor so sold everything he had, except his books.

Once a lady came to him because her brother was taken prisoner by a group of Muslims. He offered to sell himself in exchange for her brother. Everyone around him gathered money so he didn't have to be exchanged in the end, but he was willing to.



Saint Dominic was a great traveller and he realised that he needed to use this as an opportunity to teach other people that he met.

At night he prayed in the village churches, people invited him into their homes to look after him. He lived a very simple life, avoiding material things and only used what he needed.

He encouraged people to pray and to talk about God. He said that people needed to teach others about God and to spread his word.

One night when he was praying, he saw Mary before him. She told him how important it was to pray the Rosary.

He said that before you can teach others about God, you must first fill yourself with God yourself, and you can do this by praying.

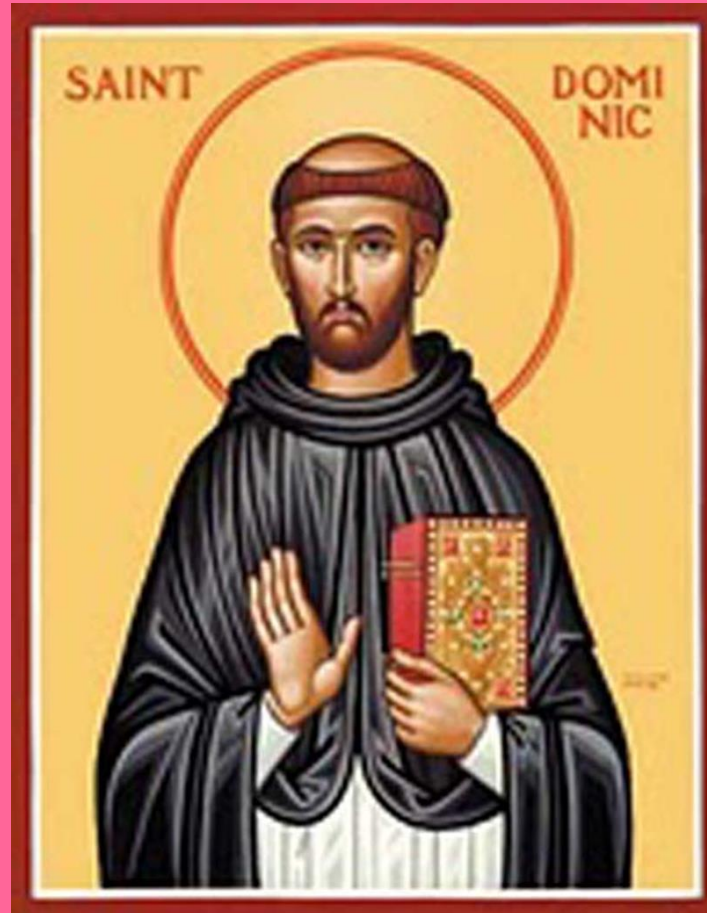


To be like Saint Dominic...

We pray every day.

We think of the needs of others.

We help the poor.

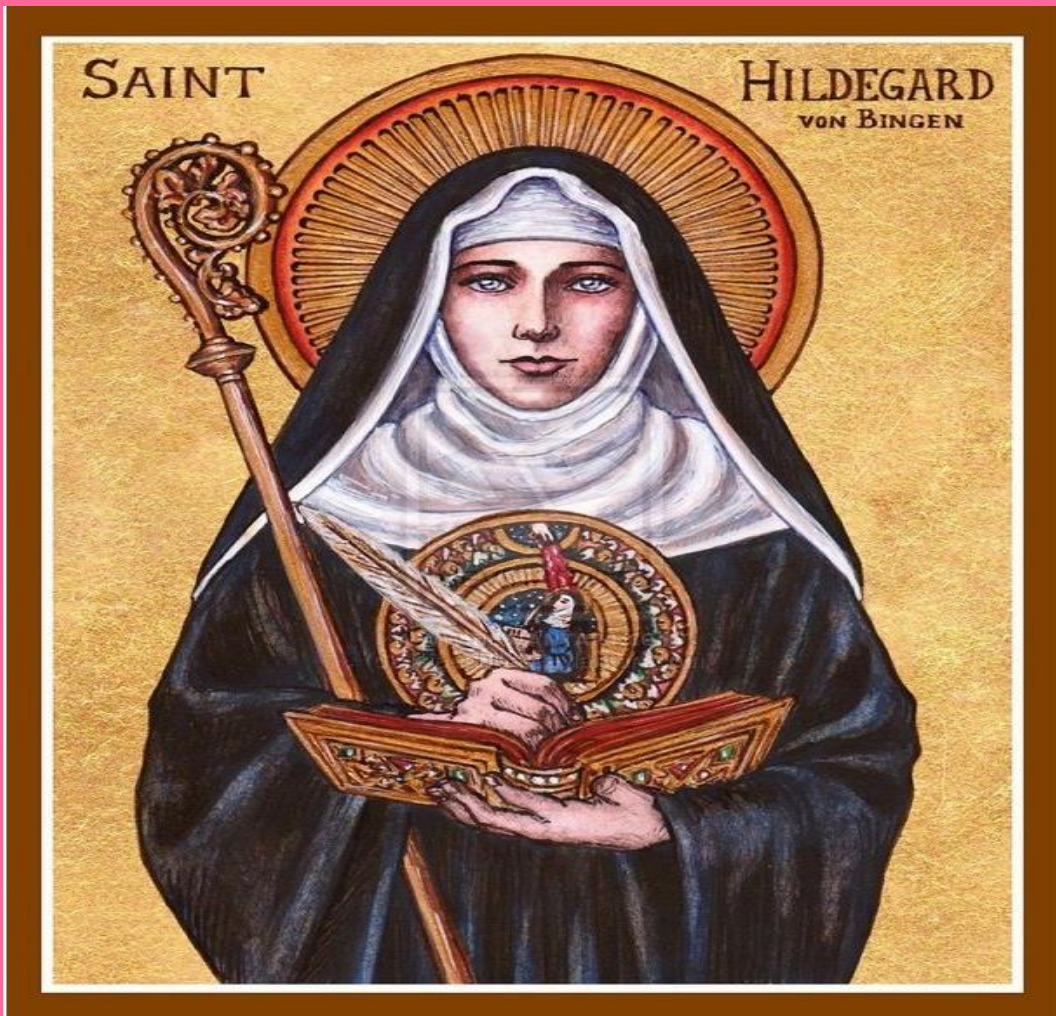


We work hard in our lessons.

We are kind.

We tell other people about God.

St Hildegard



1098-1179

St Hildegard was a

- Writer
- Composer
- Abbess
- Poet
- Philosopher

Did you know?

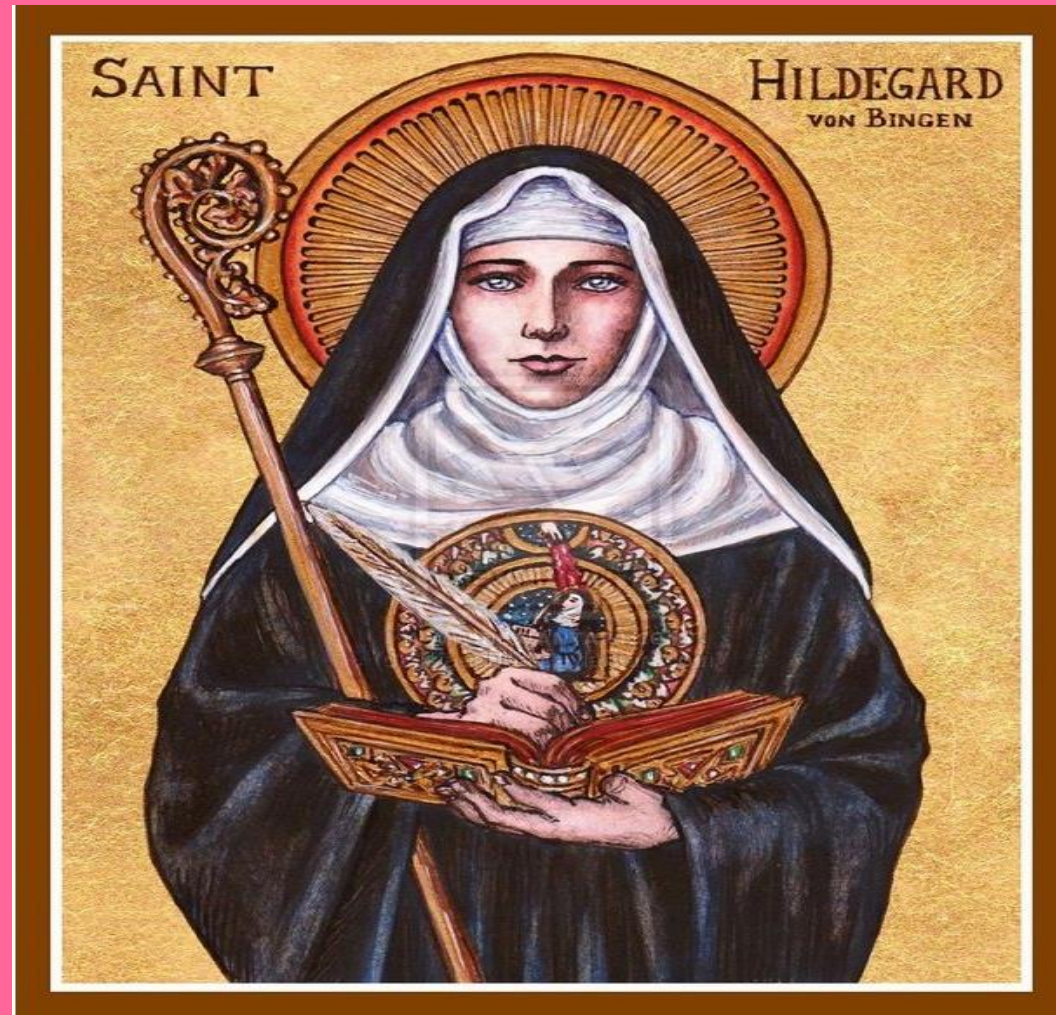
- **She was the founder of natural history in Germany.**
- **She set her own poems to music !**
- **She is the patron saint of musicians and writers.**
- **She had visions. In one vision, God told her to build a new monastery and she did!**

Creative

Caring

Educated

Visionary



Motivated

Musical

Independent
learner