

### St. John of the Cross

**Personal:** Western mystic

Combined mysticism with the theology and philosophy of Aquinas  
Became a Carmelite monk in 1563

Ordained a priest in 1567

Organized the Discalced Carmelites in 1568

Imprisoned for monastic reform 1576-1577

Named in 1926 by Benedict XV

Place and dates: 1542-1591

**Writings:** *Spiritual Canticle*: a mystical poem, *Living Flame of Love*: a mystical poem, *Dark Night of the Soul*: describes the soul's progress in union with God

### St. Lawrence of Brindisi

**Personal:** Capuchin

Worked for the conversion of the Jews

Confronted the rise of Lutheranism

Organized Catholic princes against Turkish invasion

Named in 1959 by John XXIII

Place and dates: 1559-1619

**Writings:** Sermons, A commentary on Genesis, Writings against Lutheranism

### St. Leo the Great

**Personal:** Pope, 440-461

Confirmed the doctrine of the Incarnation (Council of Chalcedon, 451)

Held the doctrinal primacy of Rome

Persuaded Atilla the Hun not to invade Rome

Named in 1754 by Benedict XIV

Place and dates: 461

**Writings:** 143 surviving letters, 96 sermons

### St. Peter Canisius

**Personal:** Jesuit

Second great Apostle of Germany

Leader, Counter-Reformation

Named in 1925 by Pius XI

Place and dates: 1521-1597

**Writings:** *Catechism* (1560): instructed the faithful to defend their Faith

### St. Peter Chrysologus

**Personal:** Called *chrysologus* (golden-mouthed) because of

exceptional preaching eloquence

Archbishop of Ravenna, 433-450

Named in 1729 by Benedict XIII

Place and dates: 406-450

**Writings:** Many sermons survive

### St. Peter Damian

**Personal:** Benedictine monk

Cardinal and Bishop of Ostia

Ecclesiastical statesman and reformer

Named in 1828 by Leo XII

Place and dates: 1007-1072

**Writings:** Notable poet

Wrote reforms for popes, clergy, monks

### St. Robert Bellarmine

**Personal:** Jesuit theologian

Cardinal archbishop of Capua

Revision of the Vulgate (1592)

Leader of the Counter Reformation

Named in 1931 by Pius XI

Place and dates: 1542-1621

**Writings:** Disputations on the Controversies of the Christian Faith: (1568-93)

### St. Teresa of Avila

**Personal:** Western mystic

Foundress of the Order of Discalced Carmelites

Entered the convent in 1535

Founded the new order in 1562

Worked with the aid of St. John of the Cross, Spanish mystic and

Doctor of the Church

Named in 1970 by Pope Paul VI

Place and dates: 1515-1582

**Writings:** *The Way of Perfection*: (1565) advice to her nuns, *The Interior Castle*: (1577) *The Foundations*: (1573-1582) the origins of the Discalced Carmelites

### St. Therese of Lisieux

**Personal:** Carmelite Nun: Sister Theresa of the Child Jesus

Also known as "The Little Flower of Jesus"

Canonized: May 17, 1925

Created a Doctor of the Church by Pope John Paul II, October 19, 1997

The third woman among 33 Doctors

**Place and dates:** Born: Alencon, France, January 2, 1873

Died: Lisieux, France, September 30, 1897

**Writings:** *Autobiography of a Saint*: Letter and Spiritual Counsels

### St. Thomas Aquinas

**Personal:** Theologian

Named in 1568 by Pius V

Italian philosopher

Educated at Monte Cassino

Ordained a priest in 1250

Advisor and lecturer to the papal court, 1259-1268

Place and dates: 1225-1274

**Writings:** Eighty works are ascribed to him

*Summa Contra Gentiles*: "On the Truth of Catholic Faith," 1261-

1264: one of his greatest works, closely reasoned treatise on the

truth of Christianity, *Summa Theologica*: a summary of theology,

(1265-1273)

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# Doctors of the Church

### St. Albert the Great

**Personal** :Bishop of Ratisbon, 1260-1293

Introduced Greek and Arabic science and philosophy into the medieval world

Dominican, Order of Preachers

Teacher of Thomas Aquinas

Named in 1932 by Pius XI

Place and dates: 1206-1280

**Writings:** *Summa Theologiae* (1270): attempted to reconcile Aristotelianism and Christianity, *Sentences*: a commentary on Peter the Lombard, *De Unitate Intellectus*: against the Averrhoists

### St. Alphonsus Liguori

**Personal:**Founded the Redemptorist Order in 1732

Bishop of St. Agatha, 1756-1775

Named in 1871 by Pius IX

Place and dates:1696-1787

**Writings:**Moral Theology

Glories of Mary: (1750)

### St. Ambrose

**Personal:**Bishop of Milan (374)

Defended the churches of Milan against Arianism

Friend of Monica, mother of Augustine, and finally brought Augustine into the Church

**Place and dates:** (Tier, now in Germany) 340?-397

**Writings:***On Faith*: a Christian morals manual, *On the Sacraments*: an exegetical treatise, *On the Holy Spirit*: an

exegetical treatise, Composed many hymns

### St. Anselm

**Personal:**Benedictine monk

Theologian

Philosopher; proposed famous argument for existence of God

Archbishop of Canterbury, 1093-1100

Named in 1720 by Clement XI

Place and dates: 1033-1109

**Writings:** *Monologium* (1077): God as highest being and His

attributes, *Proslogium* (1078): Faith seeking understanding,

*Cur Deus Homo* (1093): On the Incarnation and crucifixion

### St. Anthony of Padua

**Personal:**Franciscan monk

Theologian

Exceptional intellectual and oratorical gifts

Named in 1946 by Pius XII

Place and dates: 1195-1231

**Writings:** Lector in theology: taught at Bologna, Montpellier, and Toulouse

### St. Athanasius

**Personal:** Eastern theologian

Named in 1568 by Pius V

Place and dates: 293-373

**Writings:** *Discourses Against the Arians, History of the Arians Apology Against the Arian, On the Decrees of the Nicene Synod*

### St. Augustine

**Personal:** Son of Monica (332?-387)

Born a pagan

Converted in 387 and baptized by Ambrose

Ordained a priest in 391

Bishop of Hippo (395)

Combated Manichean heresy (conflict of Good and Evil)

**Place and dates:** (Numidia, now Algeria) 354-430

**Writings:** *Confessions* (c. 400): his autobiography, *The City of God* (413-426): great Christian apologia; a theological philosophy of history, *Retractions* (428): final verdict of earlier works, *Epistles* (386-429), *On Free Will* (388-395), *On Christian Doctrine* (397), *On Baptism: Against the Donatists* (400) *On the Trinity* (400-416), *On Nature and Grace* (415), *Homilies*

### St. Basil the Great

**Personal:** Brother of Gregory of Nyssa and a friend of Gregory of Nazianzus

Patriarch of Eastern monasticism

Wrote a rule of the monastic way of life

Founded the Basilian monks (360)

Bishop of Caesarea (370).

**Place and dates:** (Caesarea Mazaca) 329?-379

**Writings:** *Against Eunomius*: written against the Arian leader Eunomius, *On the Holy Spirit*: a doctrinal treatise, *Moralia*: an anthology of New Testament verses, *Liturgy of St. Basil*

### St. Bede, the Venerable

**Personal:** English Benedictine monk

Prolific writer

Named in 1899 by Leo XIII

Place and dates: 673?-735

**Writings:** *Ecclesiastical History of the English People* (731) *On the Reckoning of Time* (725), *Historia Abbatum* (725)

### St. Bernard of Clairvaux

**Personal:** Cistercian monk

Preacher of the Second Crusade

Founded over 90 monasteries

Named in 1830 by Pius VIII

Place and dates: 1090-1153

**Writings:** *The Love of God* (1127), *Consideration to Eugene III* (1148)

### St. Bonaventure

**Personal:** Franciscan friar

Philosopher, theologian

Cardinal archbishop of Albano

Assisted at Council of Lyons

Named in 1588 by Sixtus V

Place and dates: 1217-1274

**Writings:** *Breviloquium* (1254): Commentary on Sacred Scripture, *Journey of the Mind to God* (1259), *Life of St. Francis of Assisi* (1263)

### St. Catherine of Siena

**Personal:** Western mystic

Joined the Dominican Order in 1353

Convinced Pope Gregory XI to return to Rome from Avignon

Noted for works of charity and unity in the Church

Named in 1970 by Pope Paul VI

Place and dates: 1347-1380

**Writings:** Letters on spiritual matters, *Dialogue*: her ideals of reform and repentance

### St. Cyril of Alexandria

**Personal:** Patriarch of Alexandria in 412

Leader of the Council of Ephesus, 431

Instrumental in condemning Nestorianism

**Place and dates:** (Alexandria) 376-444

**Writings:** Against Nestorius, Against Julian the Apostate, Prolific writer

### St. Cyril of Jerusalem

**Personal:** Bishop of Jerusalem in 351

Embroided in controversy over episcopal duties

**Place and dates:** (Jerusalem) 315?-387?

**Writings:** *23 Treatises*: addressed to catechumens and newly baptized

### St. Ephraem the Syrian

**Personal:** Deacon, monk

Noted for his defense of the Church, the mysteries of Our Lord and the honor of the Virgin Mary.

Named in 1920 by Benedict XV

Place and dates: 306?-373

**Writings:** Wrote exegetical works and hymns

### St. Francis de Sales

**Personal:** Named in 1877 by Pius IX

Bishop of Geneva, 1602-1622

Founded the Order of the Visitation

Confronted the rise of Calvinism

Place and dates: 1567-1622

**Writings:** *Introduction to the Devout Life*: (1609)

### St. Gregory Nazianzus

**Personal:** Bishop of Sasima (371)

Took charge of the Nicene congregation of Constantinople where he delivered five discourses on the Trinity that earned him fame as "The Theologian"

**Place and dates:** (Nazianzus in Capadocia, now Turkey) 329?-389

**Writings:** *Philokalia* (Love of the Beautiful): an anthology of the writings of Origen

### St. Gregory the Great

**Personal:** Prefect of Rome in 570

Became a monk in 575

Elected pope (r. 590-604)

Enhanced prestige of the papacy

Upheld Rome's traditional claims of church primacy over the patriarch of Constantinople

Introduced liturgical reforms and Gregorian chant

Extensive pastoral activity.

Place and dates: (Rome) 540?-604

**Writings:** *Moralia*: a commentary on the *Book of Job*, *Pastoral Care*, *Dialogues*: legends of saints of his own time

### St. Hilary of Poitiers

**Personal:** Pagan, convert in 350

Bishop of Poitiers, 353

Defended the decrees of the Council of Nicaea

Named in 1851 by Pius IX

Place and dates: 315?-368?

**Writings:** *De Trinitate*: against the Arians, *De Synodis*, Commentary of the Psalms, Commentary of Matthew's Gospel

### St. Isidore of Seville

**Personal:** Encyclopedic knowledge

Archbishop of Seville

Conversion of Visigoths

Organizing the church in Spain

Named in 1722 by Innocent XIII

Place and dates: 560?-636?

**Writings:** *De Natura Rerum*

*Etymologies*: an encyclopedia

*Chronica Majora*: a compilation from church historians

Biographies, A summary of Christian doctrine

### St. Jerome

Personal:Biblical scholar

Ordained a priest in 386

Secretary to Pope Damasus I in 382

Confronted many heresies, especially Pelagianism

**Place and dates:** (Stridon, present day Slovenia) 345?-419

**Writings:** *The Vulgate*: translated the Bible from Hebrew and Greek into Latin, 383-384, in Rome

### St. John Chrysostom

**Personal:** Ordained a priest in 386

Greatest orator of the early Church

Patriarch of Constantinople in 398

**Place and dates:** (Antioch, Syria) 349?-407

**Writings:** *On the Priesthood*, *Homilie*, Wrote commentaries, epistles, treatises, and liturgies

### St. John Damascene

**Personal:** Financial officer to Saracen caliph

Resigned in 700

Entered a monastery and ordained a priest

Opposed the Iconoclasts

**Place and dates:** (Damascus, Syria) 675-749

**Writings:** *Source of Knowledge*: three part text of dogmatic theology in the early Greek church; contains a complete theological system based on the early Greek fathers and synods of 4th-7th centuries