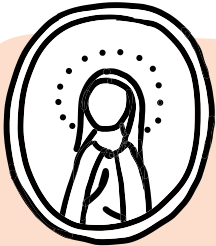


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Holy Women

The history of the church is full of admirable women who accomplished great deeds. Many gave their lives for the faith, while others were such great mothers that their children became saints themselves. Still others did much to build the Church and its living community. Want to learn more about these great women? Just read the texts in the text boxes and assign them to the corresponding images above. The YOUCAT for Kids will also help you. Have fun!



Birgitta of Sweden

St. Birgitta was born around 1303 as the daughter of a wealthy landowner and judge. Her early life was marked by privilege and luxury. At the same time, however, she was strictly religious. After the death of her husband, to whom she gave eight children and with whom she was happily married for 20 years, she lived only for prayer. She founded the order of the "Bridgettines" in 1344.

Chiara "Luce" Badano

Blessed Chiara Badano was born in Italy in 1971. At the age of nine she discovered her love for God and made him the goal of her life. When she was 17, a terrible tumour attacked her. She turned completely to God, entrusting herself to Him even in the most difficult moments. All who knew her were amazed at her serenity and joy.

Bernadette Soubirous

St. Bernadette was born in Lourdes in the south of France in 1844. On February 11, 1858, while she was on her way to a grotto to collect firewood, she saw a beautiful lady. It was the Blessed Virgin, who asked her to come back every day for fifteen days. The Blessed Virgin said to Bernadette: "I do not promise to make you happy in this life, but in the next."

Thérèse of Lisieux

St. Thérèse was born in France in 1873 and entered the convent at a very early age under the name of "Theresa of the Child Jesus." Her simple and humble life contrasted with her extraordinary spiritual experiences. She was eventually asked to write down her life story. Her "little way" to God has given millions of people a new path to the faith.

Hildegard von Bingen

Born in Germany, **St. Hildegard** was perhaps the most important woman of the twelfth century. She entered the convent at the age of 15 and soon became abbess. She gathered all the knowledge of her time in herself, becoming a poet, a doctor, a natural scientist and a philosopher. In more than 300 letters she rebuked corrupt princes, bishops and popes.

Mother Teresa

St. Teresa was born in 1910 as Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu in Skopje, the current capital of the Republic of Macedonia. She first joined the Sisters of Loretto and taught in Calcutta, India. In 1950 she founded the Missionaries of Charity to help the poor. Awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, she died in 1997, leaving behind five religious communities with the charism of seeing Christ in the poorest of the poor.

Catherine of Siena

St. Catherine was born in Italy in 1347. From the age of six she had mystical experiences that lasted her whole life. Against the will of her parents, she joined a Dominican community at the age of 16, where she mainly served the sick and became infected with the plague. Because she never learned to write properly, she dictated 318 letters, in which she spoke to the Pope, among others, and appealed to his conscience.