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DID YOU KNOW
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- **ST. PATRICK WAS NOT IRISH!**

- There was a St. Nonna and that she, her husband Gregory, and her 3 children: Gregory, Gorgonia, and Caesaruis, are all saints...the entire family!
- St. Thomas Aquinas was kidnapped by his mother and brother in hopes of him changing his mind about staying in religious life.
- **St. Francis thought birds were God's very special creation.**
- St. Anthony is known as the "Finder of Lost Things" because a legend has it that Anthony's favorite prayer book was stolen by a novice monk who was running away. Anthony prayed that the book be found, and an apparition then appeared before the novice, demanding the book's immediate return. And he did return the book.
- St. Teresa of Avila is one of only two women named a Doctor of the Church for her teachings and writings.
- St. Nicholas was a bishop and was especially known for his holiness, zeal, and miracles.
- **St. Rose of Lima and Our Lady of Guadalupe are patron saints of the Americas.**
- St. Elizabeth Stein converted to Catholicism at age 31 and was put to death in the gas chambers in Auschwitz in 1942.
- **According to legend, St Blaise was being taken off to prison when a mother came to him with her young son who was choking to death on a fish bone caught in his throat. Blaise cured the boy; later he became the patron and protector of throats.**
- In 1323 St. Peregrine was stricken with cancer and his leg was to be amputated in order to stop it from spreading. He prayed in front of a crucifix in his room and the next day, doctors could not find any trace of cancer. Thus he is known as patron saint of cancer.
- **St. Jerome died of an infectious disease which he caught while caring for orphans in a hospital. He is patron saint of abandoned children/orphans.**
- St. Dominic was famous for saying, "I can't do big things. But I want all I do-even the smallest thing-to be for the greater glory of God."
- *St. Raphael the Archangel is the patron saint against nightmares; Saint Jerome is the patron saint against anger; St. Vitus is the patron saint of oversleeping.*
- Prayer of St. Ignatius Loyola:
"Teach us to be generous, good Lord; Teach us to serve You as You deserve;
To give and not to count the cost, To fight and not to heed the wounds,
To toil and not to seek for rest, To labor and not to ask for any reward,
Save that of knowing we do Your will."