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SAINTS AND HEROES

To the End of the
Middle Ages



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Synopsis

An excellent introduction to the history of the church through portraits of twenty of the most important saints and heroes of the faith from the third century A.D. to the time of the Reformation. Includes Cyprian, Athanasius, Ambrose, Chrysostom, Jerome, Augustine, Benedict, Gregory the Great, Columba, Charlemagne, Hildebrand, Anselm, Bernard, Becket, Langton, Dominic, Francis, Wycliffe, Hus, and Savonarola. Suitable for ages 11 and up.

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Customer Reviews

I bought this to read to my twin 8-year-old boys, to supplement the work books they are using for their religious education classes. First a little about their religious ed. work book: It is supposed to be written to appeal to kids. It is very choppy. It's broken up with boxes and tips and pointers and it never really gets going. Also it is so vague, one can't tell what religion it is about, or even if it is about religion. Saints and Heroes seemed like it may be a good antidote to the modern religious ed. work book. At first our boys protested against hearing anything from it when they got wind that it was a religious book (thanks a lot religious ed. work book!) I insisted on reading at least the first one, then they could do whatever they wanted. At the end of the first chapter, I thought that the book

was pretty good. It was on a saint about whom I knew nothing. It seemed more interesting than their work books, but still probably not gripping enough to hold the attention of eight-year-old boys. I put it down to let them run off. But, looking at me, sitting stock still, "Can you read some more?" came out of their mouths. We read nearly half the book in the first sitting. While it does not specifically teach Christian or Catholic doctrines, it tells stories that include many of them. It got my kids interested finally in at least one aspect of religion, which is more than weekly mass, weekly religious ed. and preparation for first communion has done. Religious education at least in our church seems to have become so afraid of itself, or of being what it was 50 years ago, that it has thrown out all content and is left with the vague and unmemorable generalizations that characterized CCD in the 1970's.

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