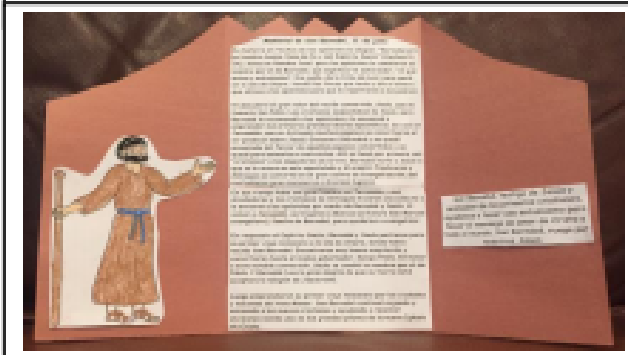




St. Barnabas, witness of Christ and inspiration to the first Christians, encouraging them to take Jesus' message to all the world.

St. Barnabas Pray for us, Amen



Memorial of St. Barnabas, June 11

His story in the Acts of the Apostles praises him: "Barnabas was a good man, full of faith and the Holy Spirit." (Acts 11, 24). Initially named Joseph, the apostles changed his name to Barnabas which means, "he who encourages and gives enthusiasm." He was a wealthy Jew of the tribe of Levi but was born on the island of Cyprus. He sold his farms and gave the money to the apostles to give to the poor.

He discovered the great value of the recently converted, Saul, later renamed Paul. The Christians suspected Saul, but Barnabas recommended him and helped him start his first great apostolic works. They heard in Jerusalem that many pagans were converted upon hearing preaching about Christ. So they sent Barnabas who was enchanted with their fervor, staying to instruct and encourage them. There, the word Christians was first used for followers of Christ. Barnabas invited Saul to join this apostolate and he accepted. They preached and Antioch was converted to the great center of evangelization, from where many great missionaries left to preach in diverse places.

During that time food was scarce in the Jerusalem area and the Christians in Antioch made a collection and sent it to the apostles with Barnabas and Saul. They returned from Jerusalem with Mark (the future evangelist) who was family with Barnabas to help them evangelize.

Responding to the Holy Spirit, Barnabas and Saul left on their first mission trip to the island of Cyprus, Barnabas' birthplace. They were well accepted and even the governor, Sergio Paul converted. In honor of this notable conversion, Saul changed his name to Paul. And Barnabas experienced the joy of his native land accepting the religion of Jesus Christ.

Later they went on their first mission trip to the cities and nations of Asia Minor. St. Barnabas continued traveling and encouraging the new Christians helping to resolve divisions and being one of the great pillars of Christ's new church.

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FEAST OF ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL-JUNE 29

ST. PAUL, THE APOSTLE

St. Paul is born to a Jewish family in Tarsus, Cilicia (Western Turkey). He is named Saul and his Roman name is Paul, probably since his father became a Roman citizen. He was educated in Jerusalem and received a rigorous education on the law from Rabi Gamaliel. He was zealous in defending the Jewish faith. As a youth, he was present when St. Stephen was stoned and approved it. That day a great persecution of the Church began and he became a great persecutor of Christians.

Until one day on his way to Damascus...(Go to Acts 9: 3-6 and complete)
Suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. 4 He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him,

He asked:
And the voice:

In that moment, Saul was converted to a Christian.

Three years later, he goes to Jerusalem and meets Peter. He remains with him 15 days.

Peter teaches him everything he lived and learned with Jesus and that Paul does not know.

Later he returns to Tarso and continues proclaiming his faith in the synagogue.

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