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Find out more about your patron saint's life.

Choose either your baptismal or confirmed patron.

Saint's Name: _____

Feast Day: _____

Patron Saint of: _____

Saint's place of birth: _____

Find out something about this saint's:

Family: _____

Occupation: _____

Life and/or death: _____

What virtues did this saint practice in his/her life?

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