Who am I? ______________________________

I was born to Marie Francoise Therese Martin in Alencon, France on January 2, 1873 and the youngest of nine children. At the age of 15, I entered the Carmelite convent at Lisieux, becoming a religious Sister.

I wanted very much to leave the convent in France and be sent on mission, specifically to Vietnam, but my poor health prevented me from making that journey, but not from being a missionary.

Determined to love God with all my heart, I wanted to lead others to know and love Him. I offered prayers and my own sufferings for missionaries around the world.

I did 'go' to the Missions-at least through the mail. I wrote to missionary priests serving in Asia and Africa during my lifetime. In those letters, I told of my great love for Jesus, and of feeling a part of the missionary work of those priests, especially through my prayers.

I died tragically young on September 30, 1897, at the age of 24 from tuberculosis. I was canonized a saint of the Catholic Church in 1925. My Feast Day is October 1.

The example of her life shows us that all Christians, not just those who travel to distant lands, are called to do the work of missionaries through prayer and sacrifice.
**Who am I?** _______________________________

I was born on April 7, 1506 in Spain. At the age of 19, I went to study at the University of Paris – and made a friend who would change my life, Ignatius Loyola. Both of us would become priests. I became a priest in 1537. Together, we would establish a religious community of men, the Society of Jesus—also known as the Jesuits. The only thing I took with me on all my journeys was my book of daily prayers, called a breviary, and a book of meditations. With little experience and just a heart on fire to tell the world about Jesus, I sailed in 1541 from Portugal to that country’s colony of Goa, India on the southern tip of India, where I introduced many people to the Catholic faith. I took a trip to the East Indies – to Malacca and the Moluccas – came before a journey to Japan, 1549, making myself the first missionary to preach the Gospel there.

My greatest desire was to proclaim the Gospel in China, at that time closed to outsiders. Some stories even claim that I bribed a ships’ captain to smuggle me into the country. Once there, I became very ill and died on December 3, 1552. My body was brought back to Goa and buried in the first stop of my missionary journeys.

I was canonized together with my friend, Ignatius of Loyola, on March 12, 1622. My Feast Day is December 3.

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**Who am I?** _______________________________

Born on March 27, 1935 and died July 28, 1981. I was an American Roman Catholic priest from Oklahoma and I was murdered in Guatemala. Ordained as a priest for the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City in 1963, I held several parish assignments there until 1968 when I was assigned as a missionary priest to Guatemala where I was murdered in 1981 in my Guatemalan mission rectory. On December 1, 2016, Pope Francis recognized me as a martyr for the faith. I am the first martyr from the United States and the first U.S.-born to be beatified.

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**Who am I?** _______________________________

I was born on November 24, 1713, Petra, Majorca, Spain—died August 28, 1784, Carmel, California, New Spain [now in U.S.]; canonized September 23, 2015; feast day July 1). I was a Spanish Franciscan priest and my missionary work among the indigenous peoples of North America earned me the title, Apostle of California. In 2015, I became the first saint of the Roman Catholic Church to be canonized in the United States.

After entering the Franciscan Order in 1730 and being ordained in 1738, I taught philosophy at Lullian University (Palma, Majorca). In 1750 I arrived in Mexico City for missionary work among the Indians, serving first in the Sierra Gorda missions from 1750 to 1758 and then in south-central Mexico from 1758 to 1767.

When Spain began its occupation of Alta California (present-day California), I joined the expedition’s commander, Gaspar de Portolá. On July 16, 1769, I founded Mission San Diego, the first within the present state of California. From 1770 to 1782, I founded eight more Californian missions: Carmel, my headquarters, at Monterey, in 1770; San Antonio and San Gabriel (near Los Angeles), 1771; San Luis Obispo, 1772; San Francisco (Mission Dolores) and San Juan Capistrano, 1776; Santa Clara, 1777; and San Buenaventura, 1782. The missions helped strengthen Spain’s control of Alta California. I was beatified on September 25, 1988. On September 23, 2015, Pope Francis canonized me as a saint in a special mass in Washington, D.C.
Who am I? _______________________________

I (1910–1997) was a Roman Catholic nun who devoted my life to serving the poor and destitute around the world. I spent many years in Calcutta, India where I founded the Missionaries of Charity, a religious congregation devoted to helping those in great need. In 1979, I was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize and became a symbol of charitable, selfless work. In 2016, the Roman Catholic Church canonized me.

“It is not how much we do, but how much love we put in the doing. It is not how much we give, but how much love we put in the giving.”

Who am I? _______________________________

I joined the Jesuits at Rouen, France in 1624. I was a missionary to New France (Canada) in 1636, starting in Quebec and working among the Hurons and Petuns in the area of the Great Lakes. This was a rough assignment - not only were the living conditions hard, but the locals blamed the “Blackrobes” for any disease, ill luck, or other problems that occurred where they were. Captured on 3 August 1642 by the Mohawks, enslaved, tortured and mutilated for thirteen months, I taught the Faith to any who would listen. With the help of local Dutch settlers, I finally escaped and was sent back to France to recover. In 1644, I returned to Canada to continue my work with the indigenous peoples and negotiate peace with the Iroquois. I was martyred with a fellow Jesuit priest, Saint John de Brebeuf, and several lay missionaries when the natives blamed Christian sorcery for an epidemic and crop failure.

Who am I? _______________________________

I am one of Christianity's earliest missionaries. Before my conversion, I persecuted Christians, including St. Stephen. I was on the road to Damascus, Syria where I intended to arrest Christians, when I heard the voice of Jesus ask me, “Why are you persecuting me.” I immediately converted and spent the remainder of my life as a Christian missionary. Nearly half of the New Testament is attributed to me. It is believed that I was martyred about 64 A.D. The church records indicate my remains are in the sarcophagus lying under the altar of the Basilica of St. Paul's Outside-the-Walls in Rome.

Who am I? _______________________________

I was born in Italy and later emigrated to the U.S. I entered the Third Order of St. Francis in New York, but in 1883 answered a call to care for people with leprosy in Hawaii. After working with leprosy victims for several years, I opened a hospital and school for girls on Maui. In 1888, I opened a home for poor women and girls on Molokai and taught them pride and cleanliness while making their lives more cheerful and fun.

Who am I? _______________________________

I was ready to die with Jesus when Christ went to Jerusalem, but I am best remembered for doubting the Resurrection until allowed to touch Christ's wounds. I preached in Parthia, Persia and India, though I was so reluctant to start the mission that I had to be taken into slavery by a merchant headed that way. I eventually gave in to God's will, was freed, and planted the new Church over a wide area. I formed many parishes and built many churches along the way.
WHERE WAS I A MISSIONARY?

Find my country on the map!

1. St. Thomas the Apostle
2. St. Junipero Serra
3. St. Therese of Lixeuix
4. St. Francis Xavier
5. St. Marianne Cope
6. St. Isaac Joques
7. St. Mother Teresa
8. St. Paul the Apostle
9. Blessed Stanley Rother