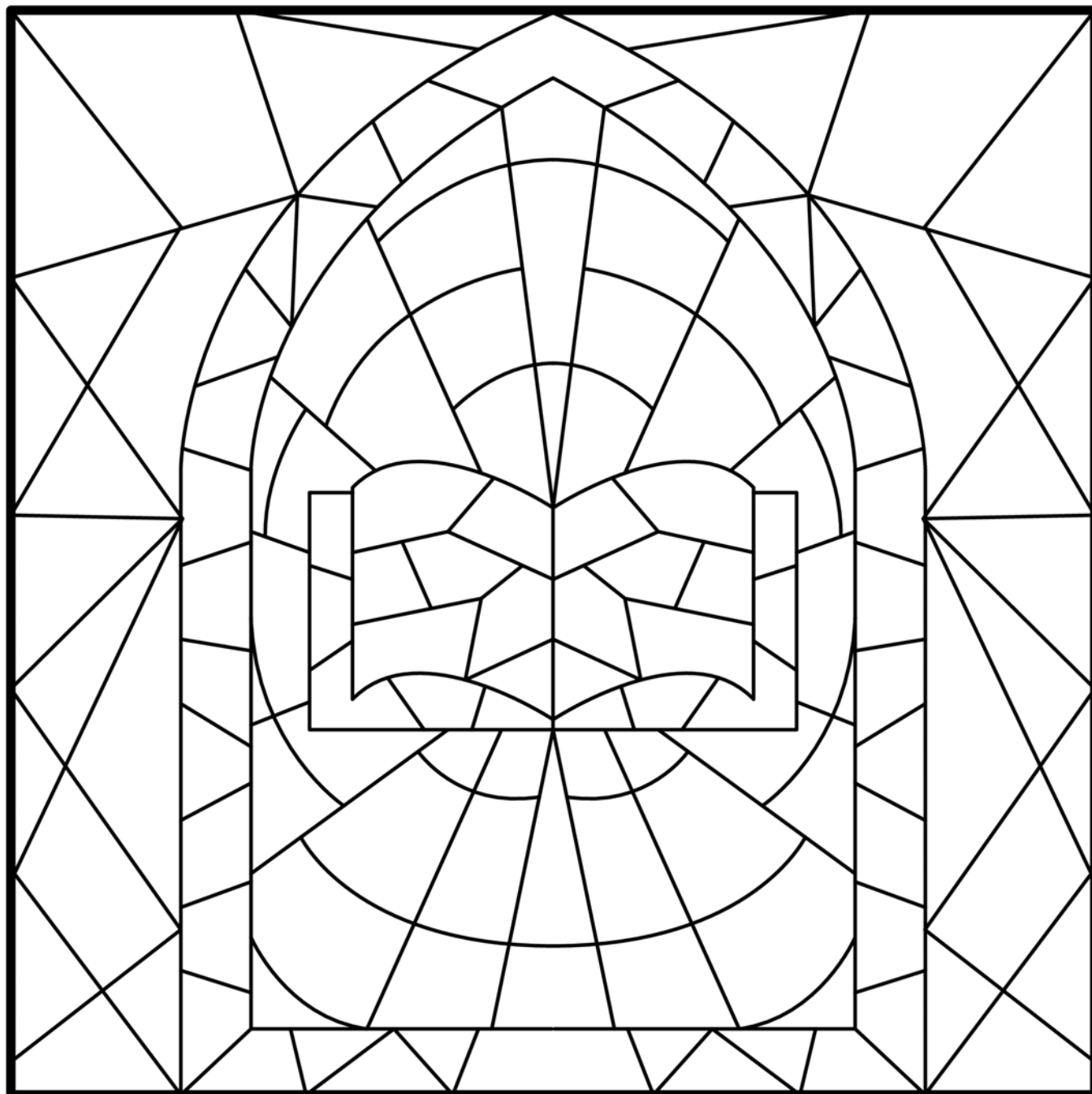


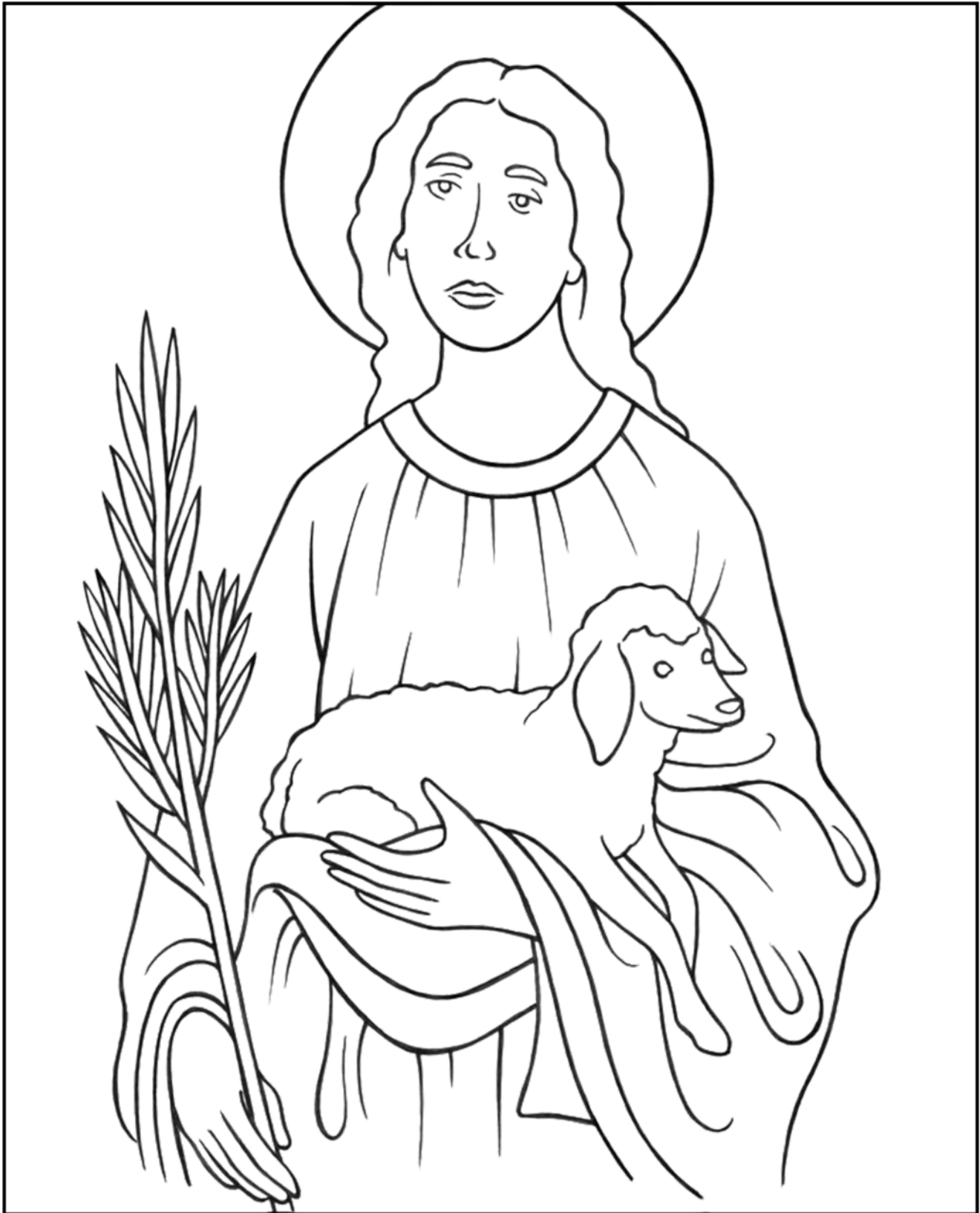


SAINTLY ADVENTURES: A JOURNEY WITH VOCATION HEROES



ST. AGNES OF ROME

PATRON SAINT OF THOSE SEEKING CHASTITY AND PURITY



St. Agnes was a young girl who loved God very much. When she was only about 12 years old, some people told her she had to pray to their false gods and give up her love for Jesus. But Agnes was brave and made the Sign of the Cross, showing she only loved God. Some men wanted to marry her, but she said, "No, my heart belongs to Jesus." Even though people were mean to her, she stayed strong and said she would go to heaven and be with Jesus forever.

ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA

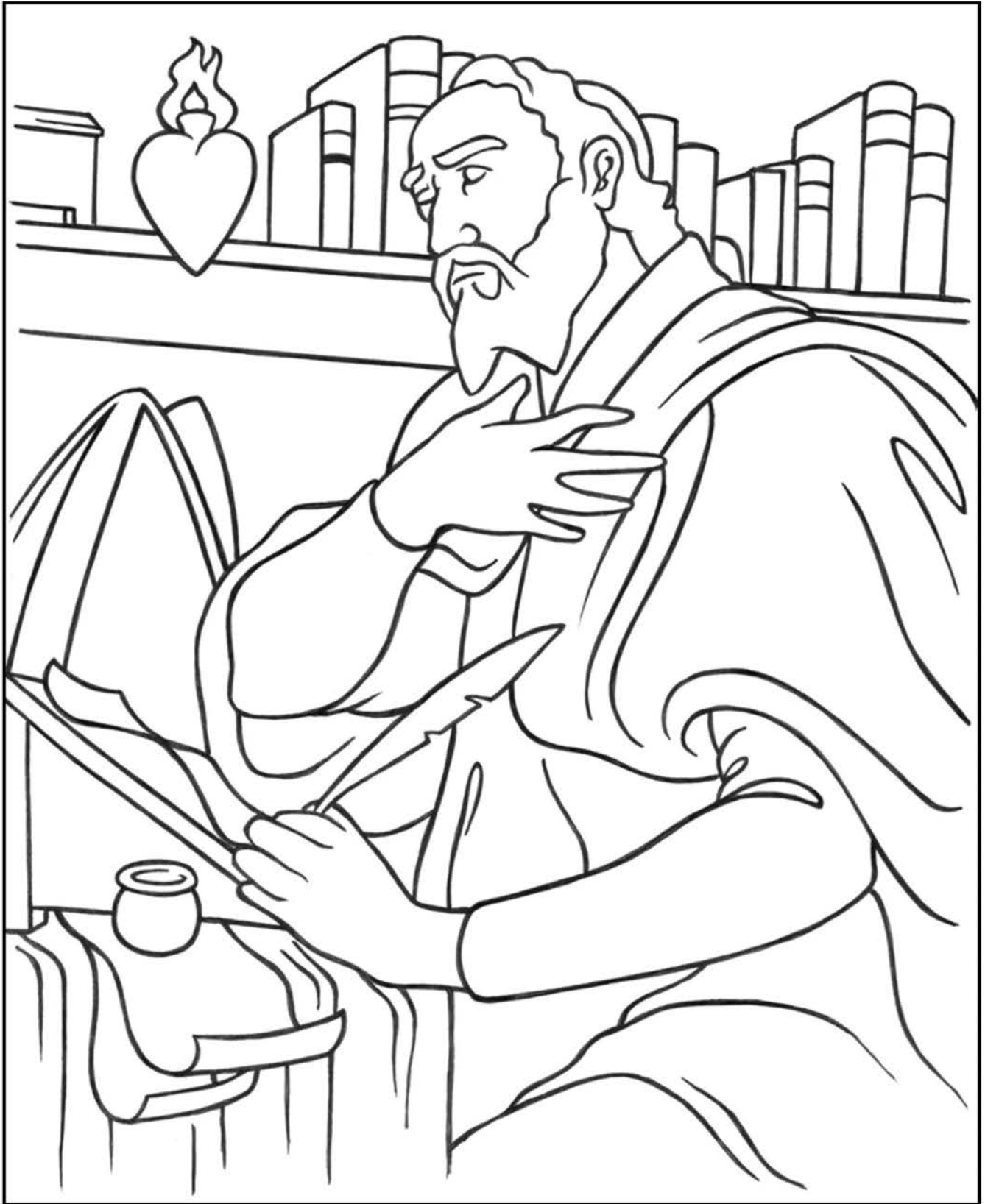
PATRON SAINT OF CATHOLIC YOUTH



St. Aloysius Gonzaga grew up in a big castle in Italy. When he was little, he got sick and couldn't play, but he used that time to pray. He loved helping others and even taught poor children about God. When he was 18, he gave up everything he owned to follow Jesus. He helped people who were very sick and died when he was just 23.

ST. AUGUSTINE

PATRON SAINT OF PRINTERS AND THEOLOGIANS



St. Augustine was a very smart man who thought doing fun things that didn't include God would make him happy, but they didn't. He realized that these distractions were keeping him from following Jesus and asked, "Why did I do that? What does it tell me about my love for God?" In the end, he gave his heart to Jesus. He became a great teacher of the Church, showing us how we can always turn to God, no matter what, and find true happiness.

ST. CECILIA

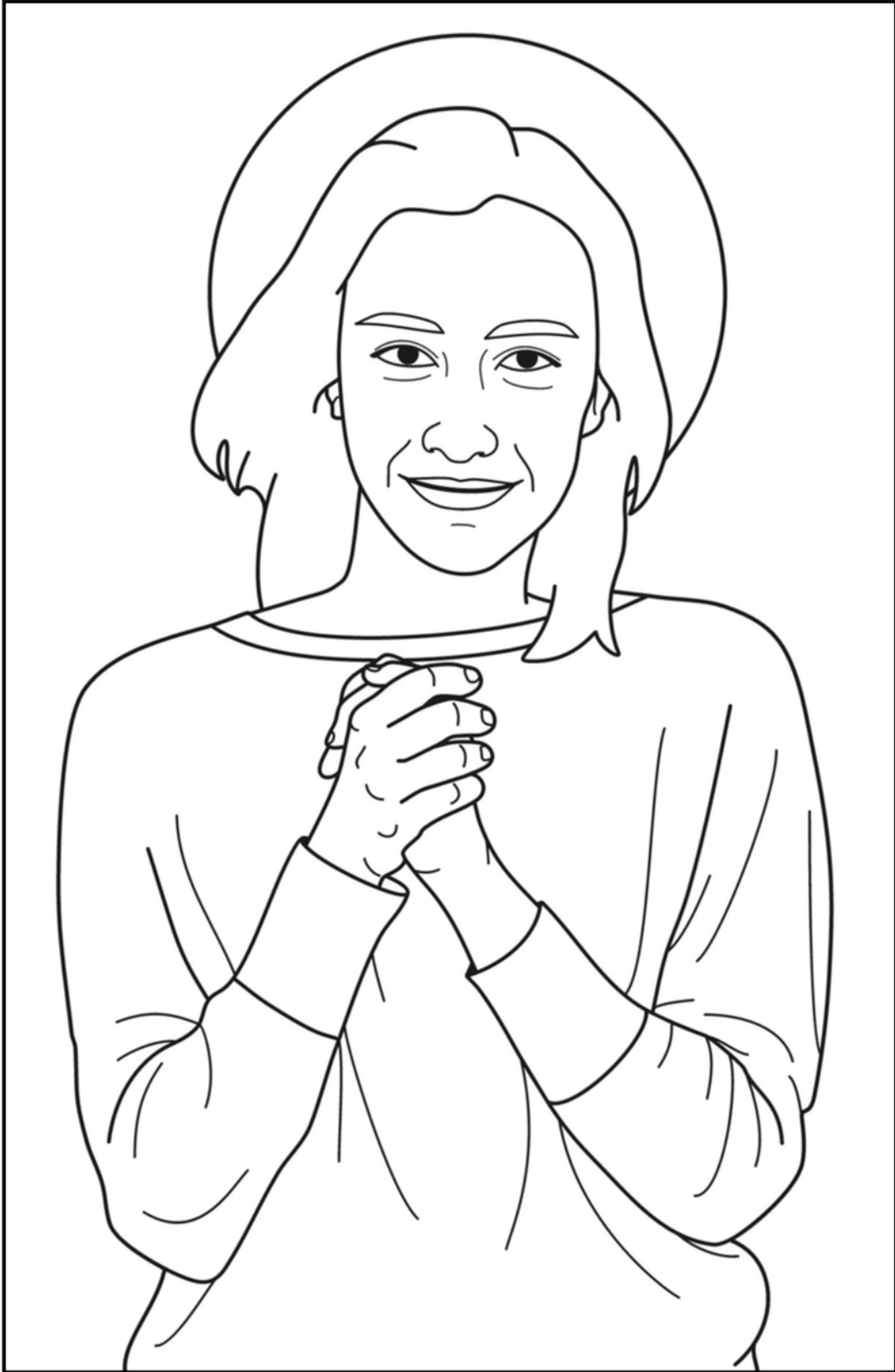
PATRON SAINT OF MUSIC



St. Cecilia loved God so much that she promised to give her whole life to Him. Even though she was married, she told her husband that an angel was with her. He believed her and was baptized, and later, he saw the angel too. St. Cecilia helped many people learn about Jesus, and she even helped over 400 people become Christians.

BLESSED CHIARA BADANO

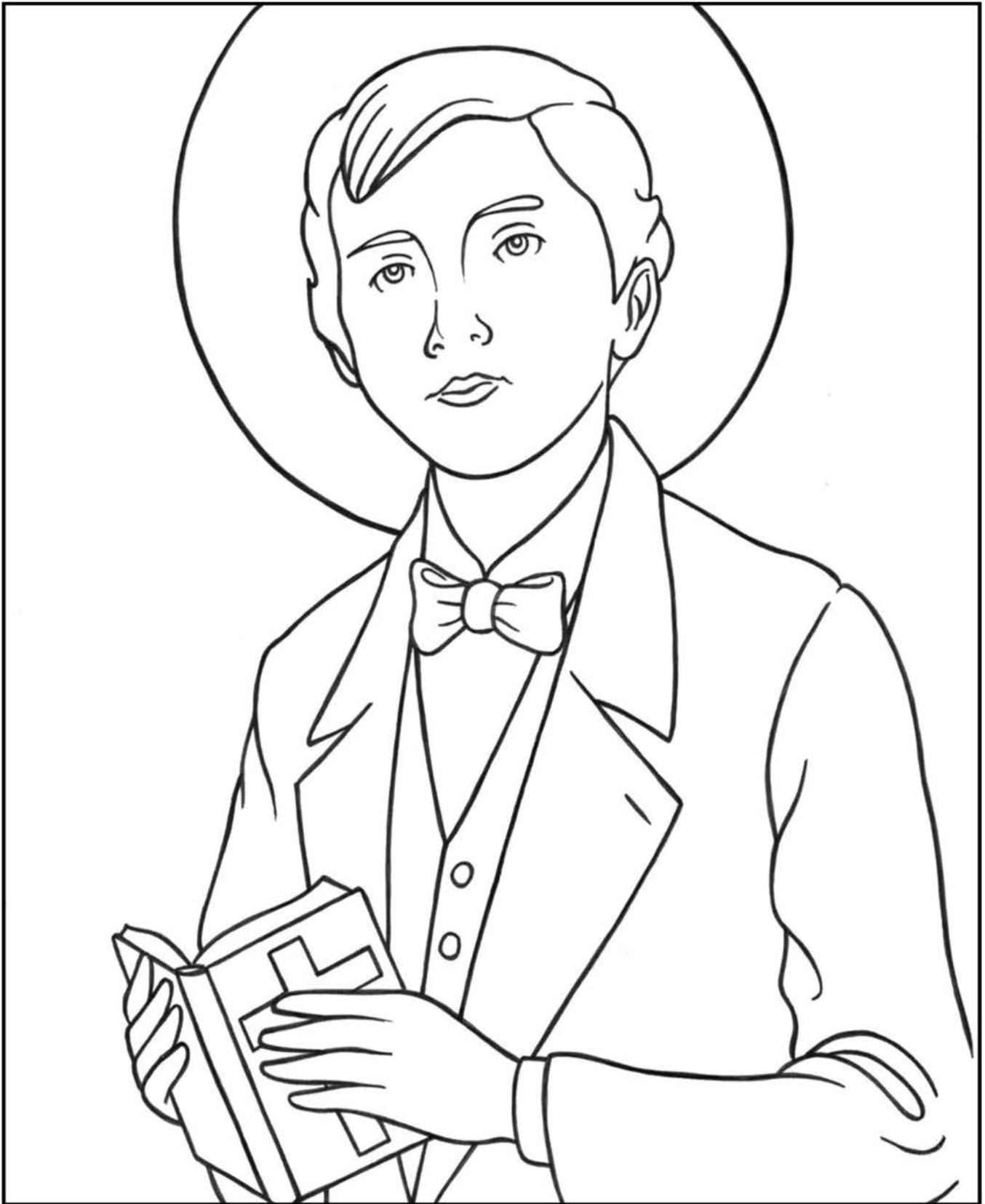
PATRON SAINT OF ATHLETES



Blessed Chiara Badano was a normal girl who loved sports like tennis and swimming. She was happy and full of love for Jesus. When she was 16, Chiara became very sick with cancer. Even though it hurt, she didn't want any medicine to make the pain go away because she wanted to give everything, even her pain, to Jesus. She trusted Jesus, and that made her strong.

ST. DOMINIC SAVIO

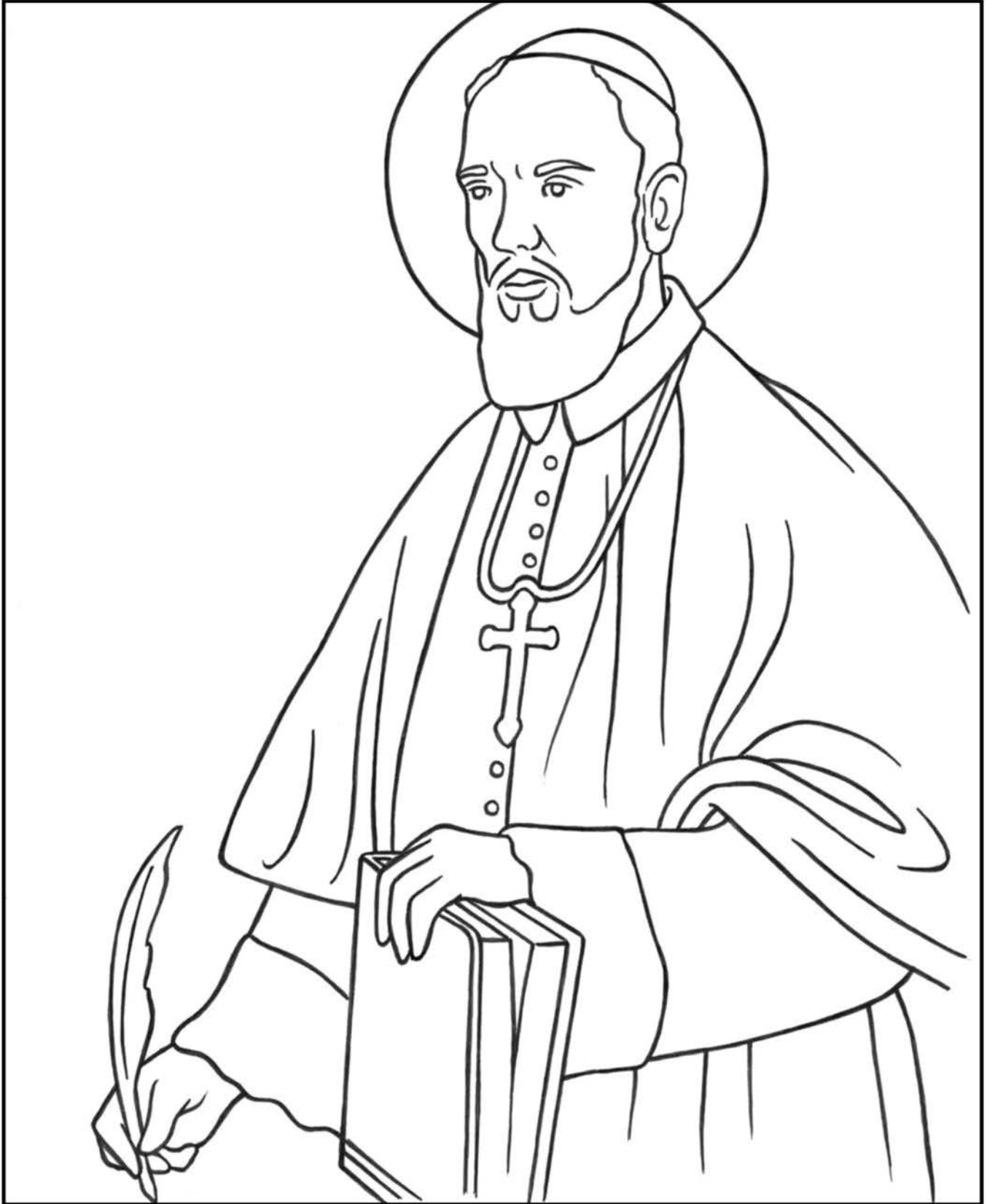
PATRON SAINT OF CHOIRBOYS, FALSELY ACCUSED PEOPLE, JUVENILE DELINQUENTS



St. Dominic Savio was a very good boy who loved God. He was always happy and prayed to Mary, Jesus' mother, even when he was sick. He learned from St. John Bosco that being holy means being joyful! Dominic helped other kids and lived with a big smile on his face. He died when he was only 14 and said, "I feel something wonderful happening!"

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

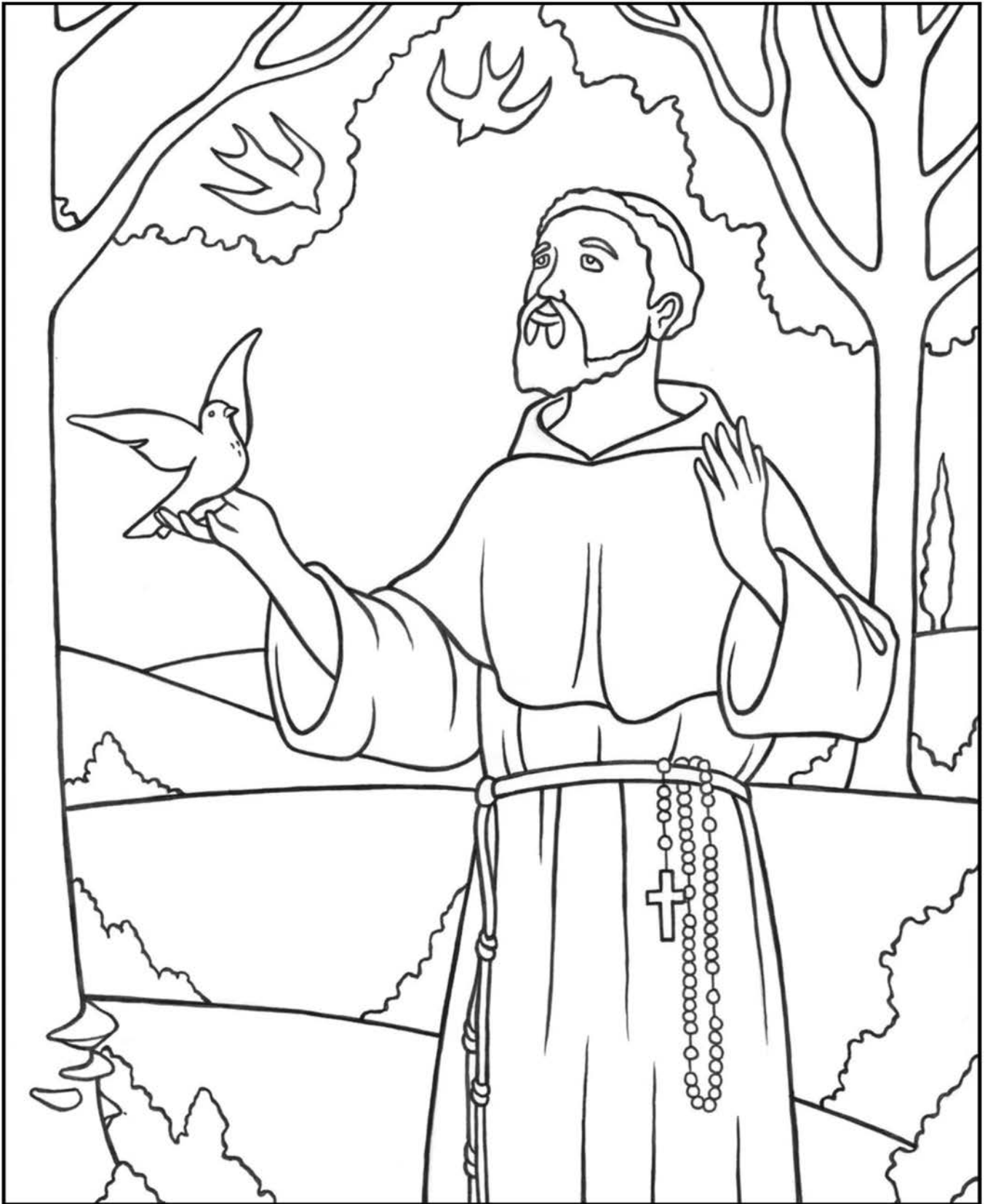
PATRON SAINT OF WRITERS



St. Francis de Sales was a gentle and kind man who loved writing about God. His family wanted him to be a lawyer, but he heard God calling him to be a priest. Even though his family didn't want that, he followed his heart and became a priest. He taught people about God in simple, easy-to-understand ways and helped bring many people back to the Church.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

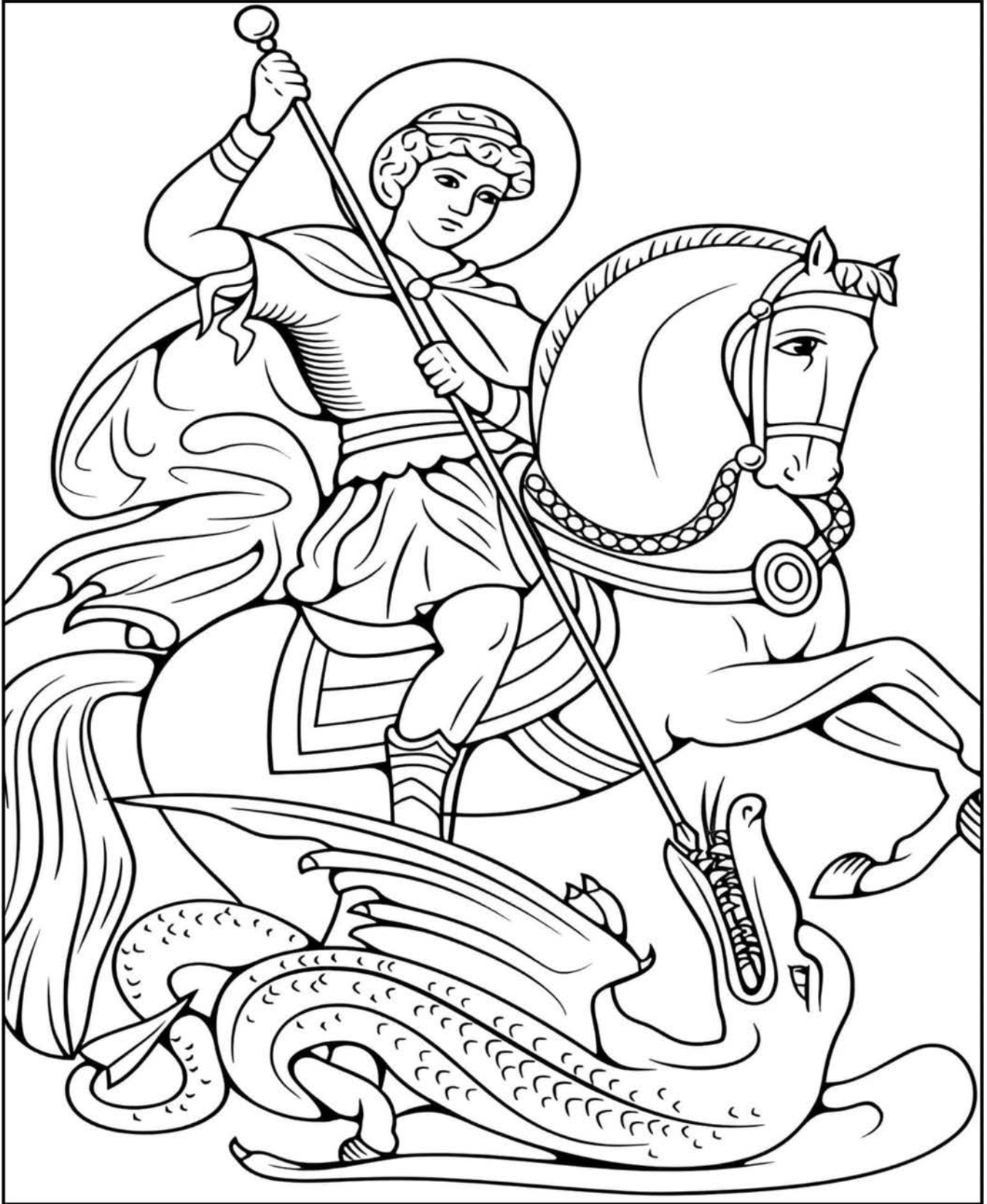
PATRON SAINT OF ANIMALS



St. Francis of Assisi was the son of a rich man, but he decided to give up everything for God. He loved animals and nature and believed we should show God's love in everything we do. He started the Franciscan Order and taught people to live simply, care for the poor, and love all of God's creatures.

ST. GEORGE

PATRON SAINT OF BOY SCOUTS



St. George was a brave knight who helped people by fighting a scary dragon that lived in a lake. When the dragon wanted to take the princess, St. George made the Sign of the Cross and fought the dragon, defeating it with one blow! Afterward, he told everyone about Jesus, and many people became Christians.

ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

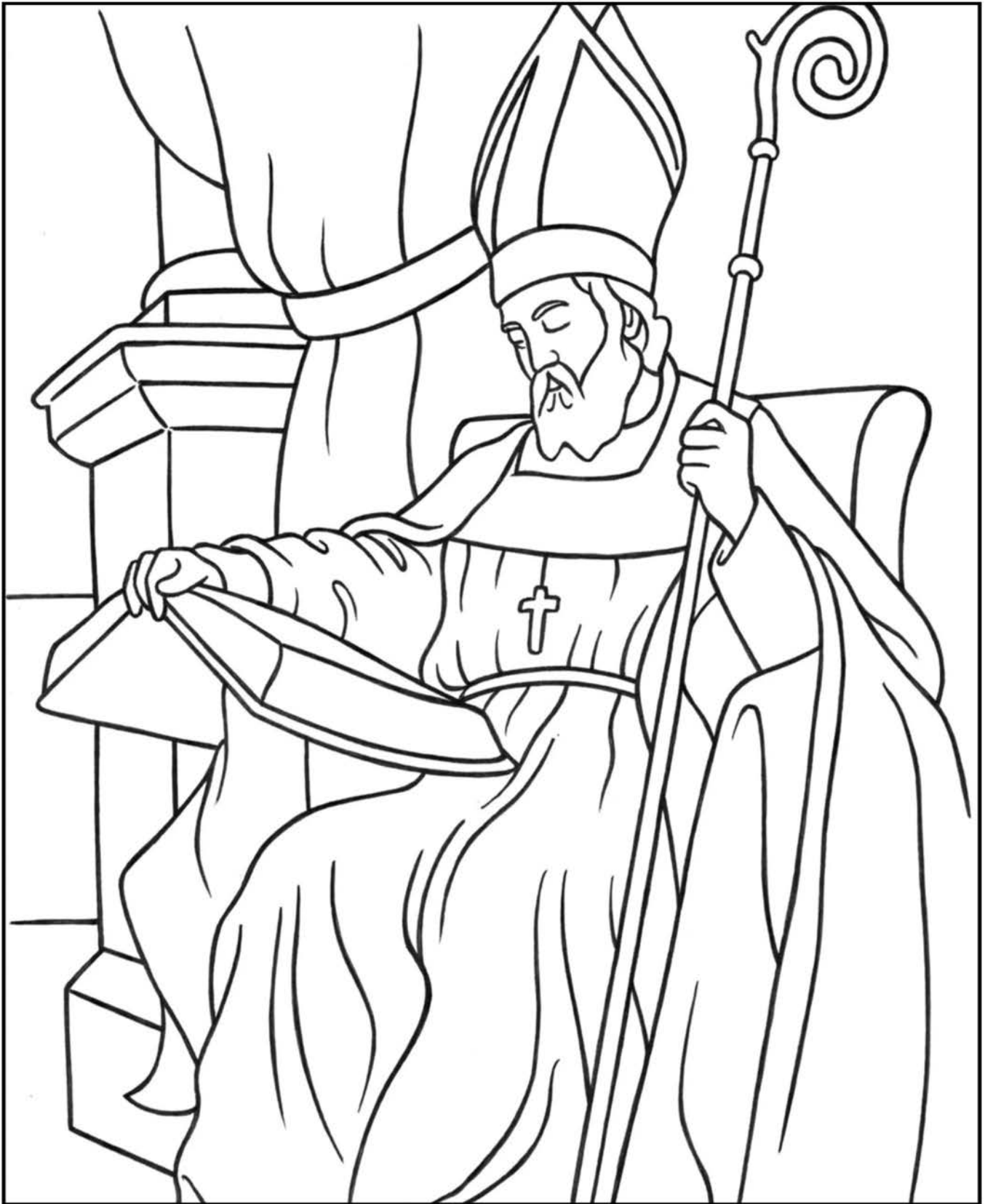
PATRON SAINT OF RETREATS



St. Ignatius of Loyola was a soldier who was hurt in battle. While he was healing, he read books about Jesus and the saints and decided to follow God. He gave up being a soldier and became a priest. He started the Jesuits, a group of priests and brothers who help people through prayer and learning about God.

ST. ISIDORE OF SEVILLE

PATRON SAINT OF INTERNET



St. Isidore of Seville wasn't a very good student at first, but he prayed and worked hard to learn. He became very smart and wrote many books that helped people learn about the world and God. He is the patron saint of the internet because he loved to share knowledge with others.

ST. JOAN OF ARC

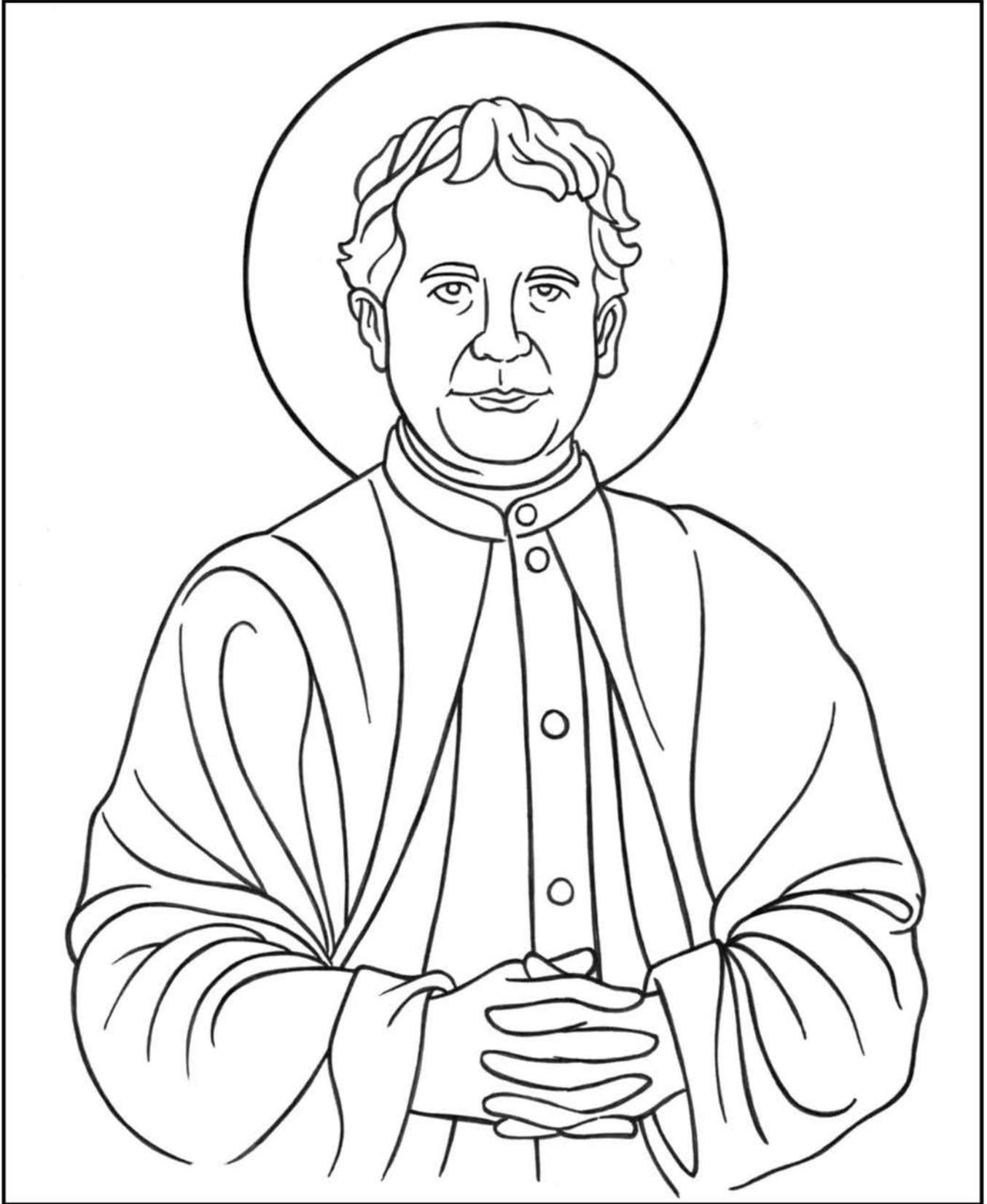
PATRON SAINT OF FRANCE, SOLDIERS, CAPTIVES



St. Joan of Arc was a young girl who believed God wanted her to help her country, France. She led soldiers in battle and helped France win an important victory. Even though she was very brave, she was captured and died at the age of 19. Today, she is remembered for her courage and faith in God.

ST. JOHN BOSCO

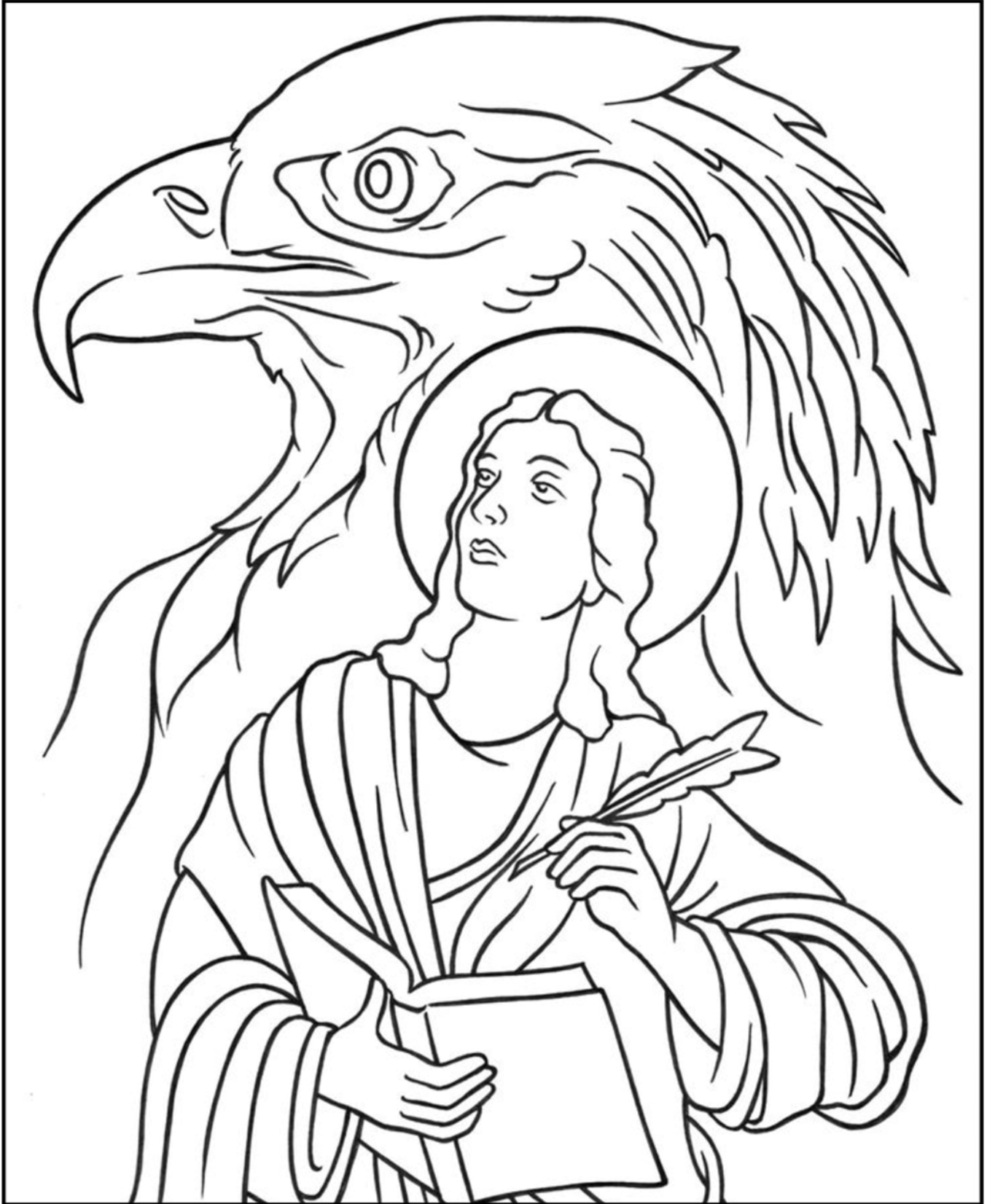
PATRON SAINT OF YOUNG PEOPLE



St. John Bosco loved entertaining children by doing tricks he learned at fairs and circuses. After his shows, he would tell them about God. He was a teacher who helped poor kids find safe places to play, learn, and pray. St. John Bosco started a group of priests called the Salesians to help boys grow closer to God.

ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE

PATRON SAINT OF FRIENDSHIP



St. John was a fisherman and the brother of St. James. Jesus called him to be one of His special friends, and St. John stayed close to Jesus his whole life. He was the only Apostle who stood with Jesus when He died on the cross. That's why he is called the beloved disciple.

ST. JOSEPH

PATRON SAINT OF FAMILIES, UNIVERSAL CHURCH, UNBORN CHILDREN, FATHERS, WORKERS



St. Joseph was the husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus. He worked as a carpenter and always did what God asked him to do. Angels would visit him in his dreams, and he would follow God's instructions right away. St. Joseph is known for taking great care of his family.

ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA

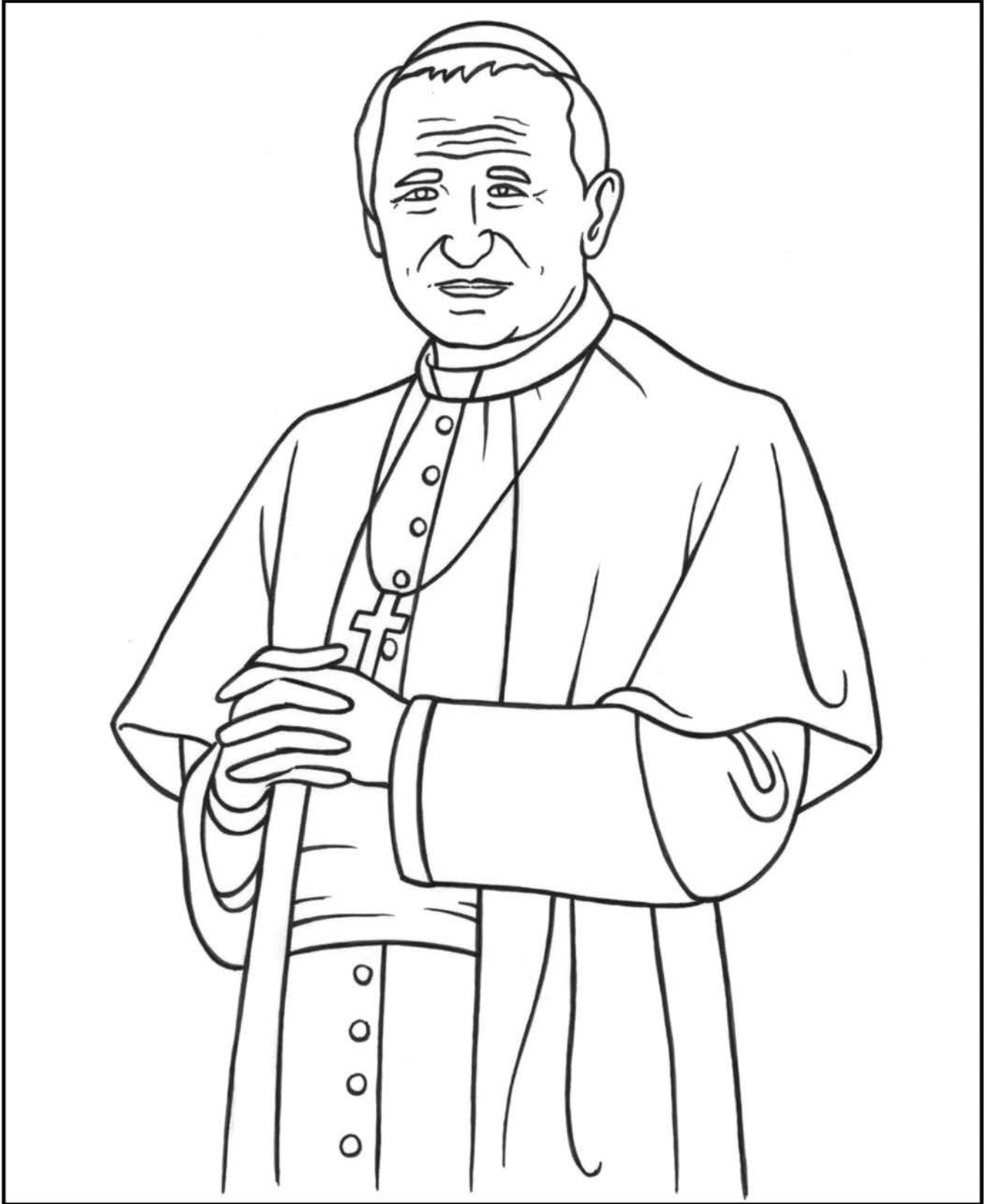
PATRON SAINT OF NATIVE AMERICAN, FIRST NATIONS PEOPLES, ECOLOGY, ENVIRONMENT



St. Kateri Tekakwitha was the first Native American saint. When she was young, she became very sick, which left scars on her face, and her family died from the illness. Even though life was hard, Kateri loved Jesus very much. She promised to stay close to Him and moved to a place where she could live her faith.

ST. JOHN PAUL II

PATRON SAINT OF CATHOLIC FAMILIES



St. John Paul II was born in Poland and became pope, a leader of the Catholic Church. He loved young people and started World Youth Day to bring Catholic youth together from all over the world. Even though he lost his parents and brother when he was young, he stayed strong in his faith and showed everyone how to love and follow Jesus.

ST. MARTIN DE PORRES

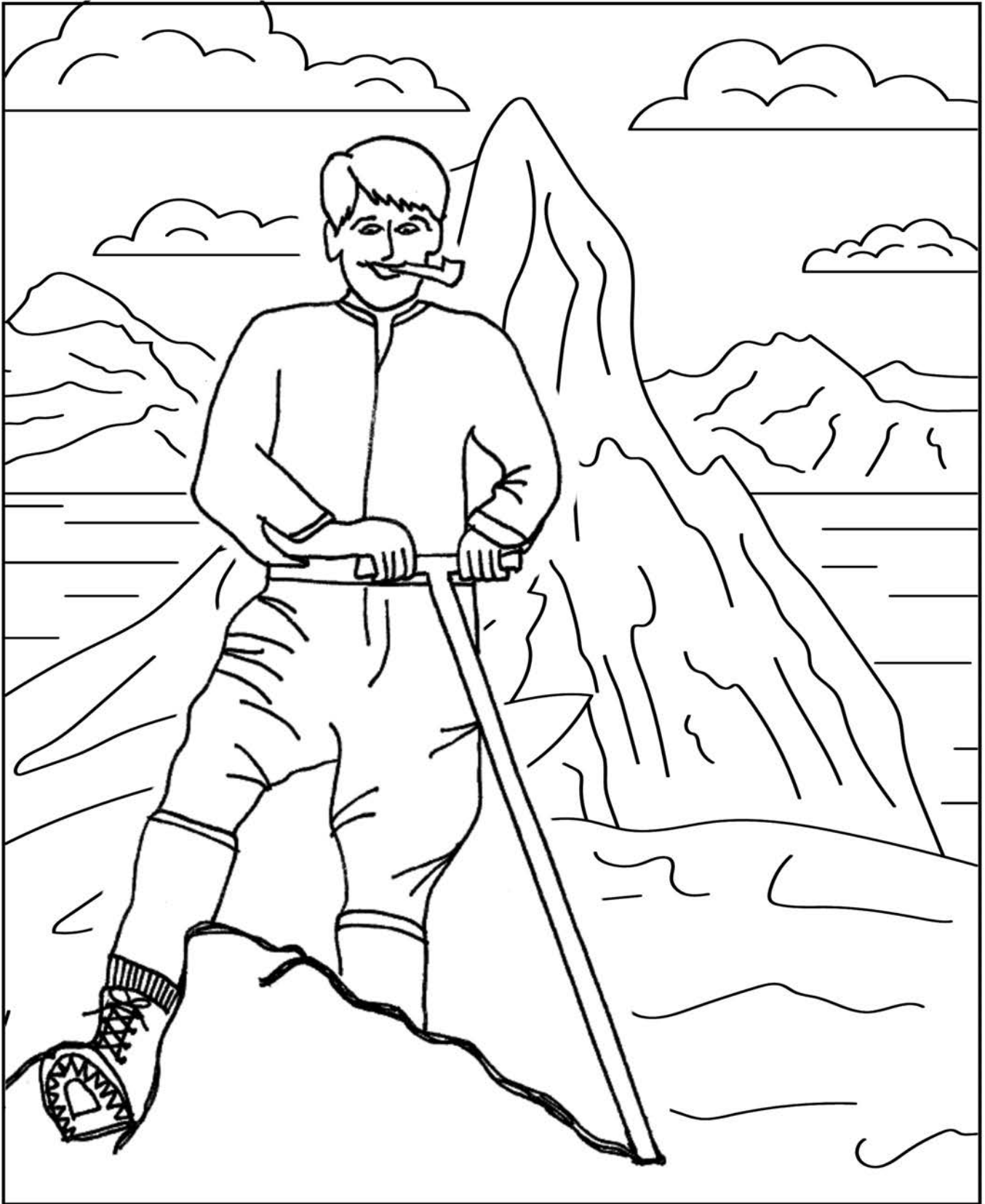
PATRON SAINT OF SOCIAL JUSTICE



St. Martin de Porres was the son of a Spanish man and a freed black slave. He grew up poor but learned how to help sick people by working with a doctor. He became a Dominican brother and took care of the poor and the sick. He is known for his kindness and helping anyone in need, no matter who they were.

BLESSED PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI

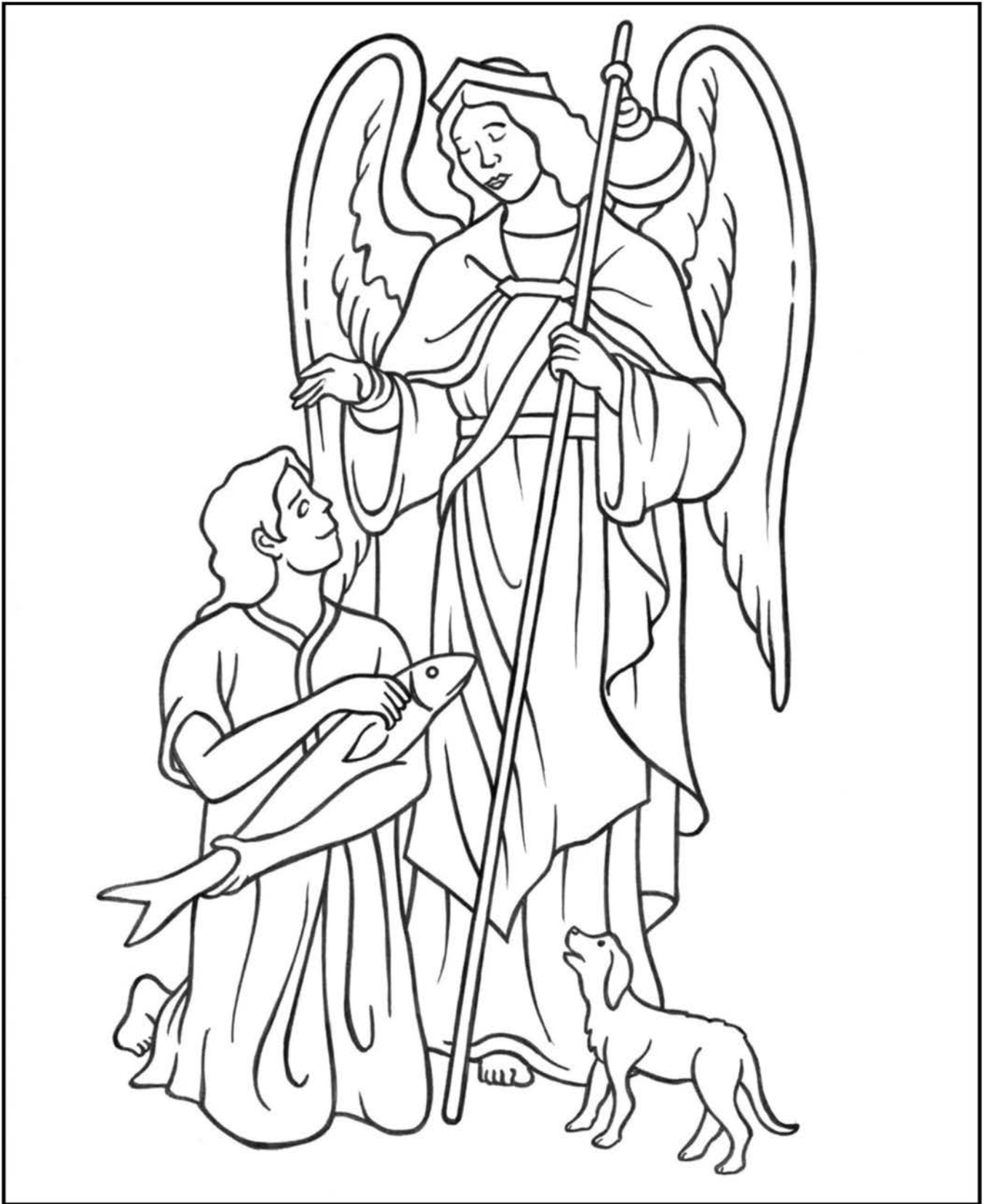
PATRON SAINT OF YOUNG ADULTS



Pier Giorgio was a fun and devout young man who loved spending time with friends, especially going mountain climbing. He believed that climbing mountains was like living our Catholic faith—sometimes hard, but always worth it. He joined many Catholic youth groups and worked to help the poor. Though he's not yet a saint, many people pray to him for help.

ST. RAPHAEL

PATRON SAINT OF TRAVELERS, HAPPY MEETINGS, PHYSICIANS, NURSES, CATHOLIC STUDIES

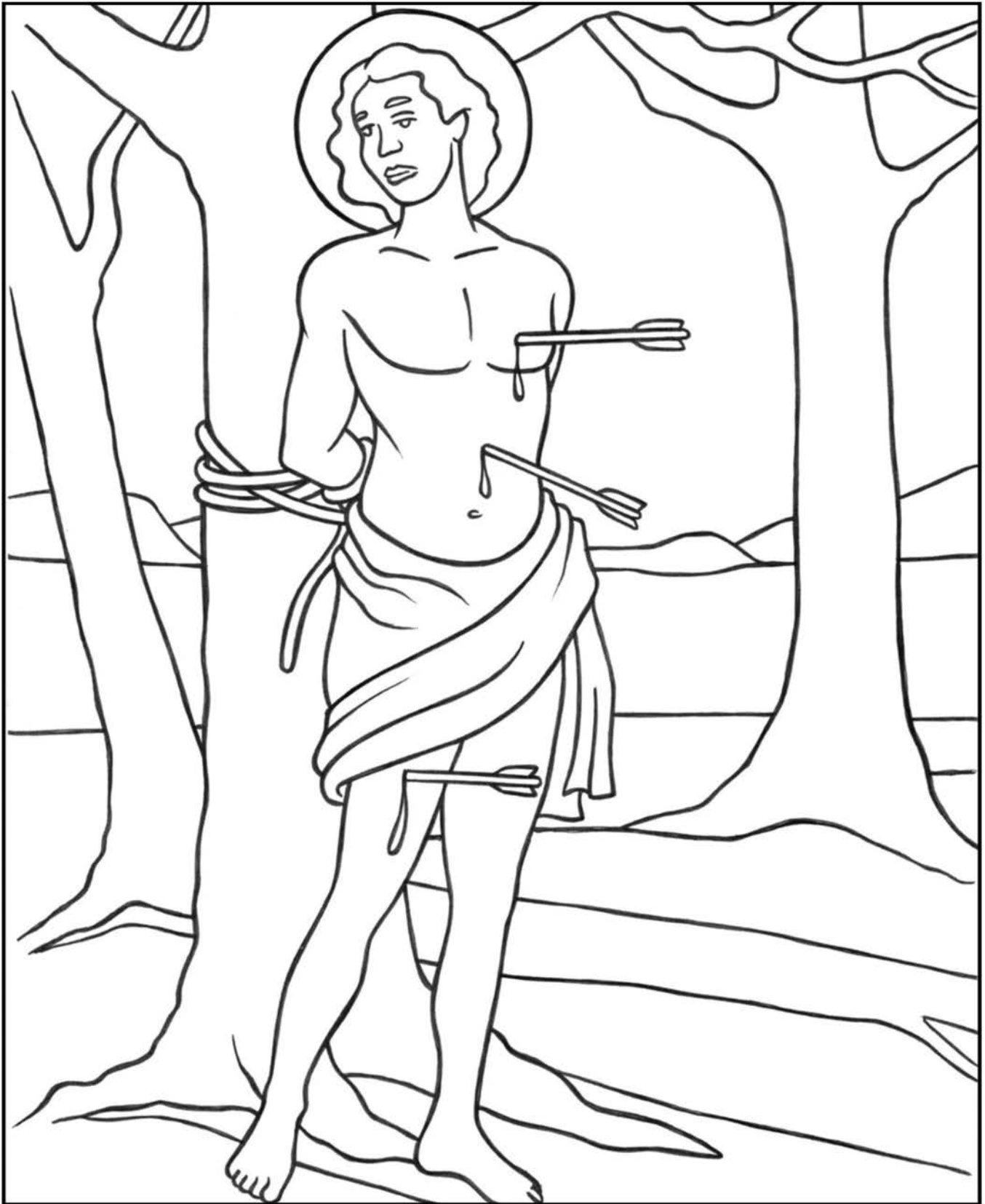


St. Raphael is one of the three Archangels, and his name means "God heals." In the Bible, he helped a man named Tobit see again and protected a woman named Sarah from evil.

St. Raphael helps travelers and doctors, and many people ask him for help with their studies and good meetings.

ST. SEBASTIAN

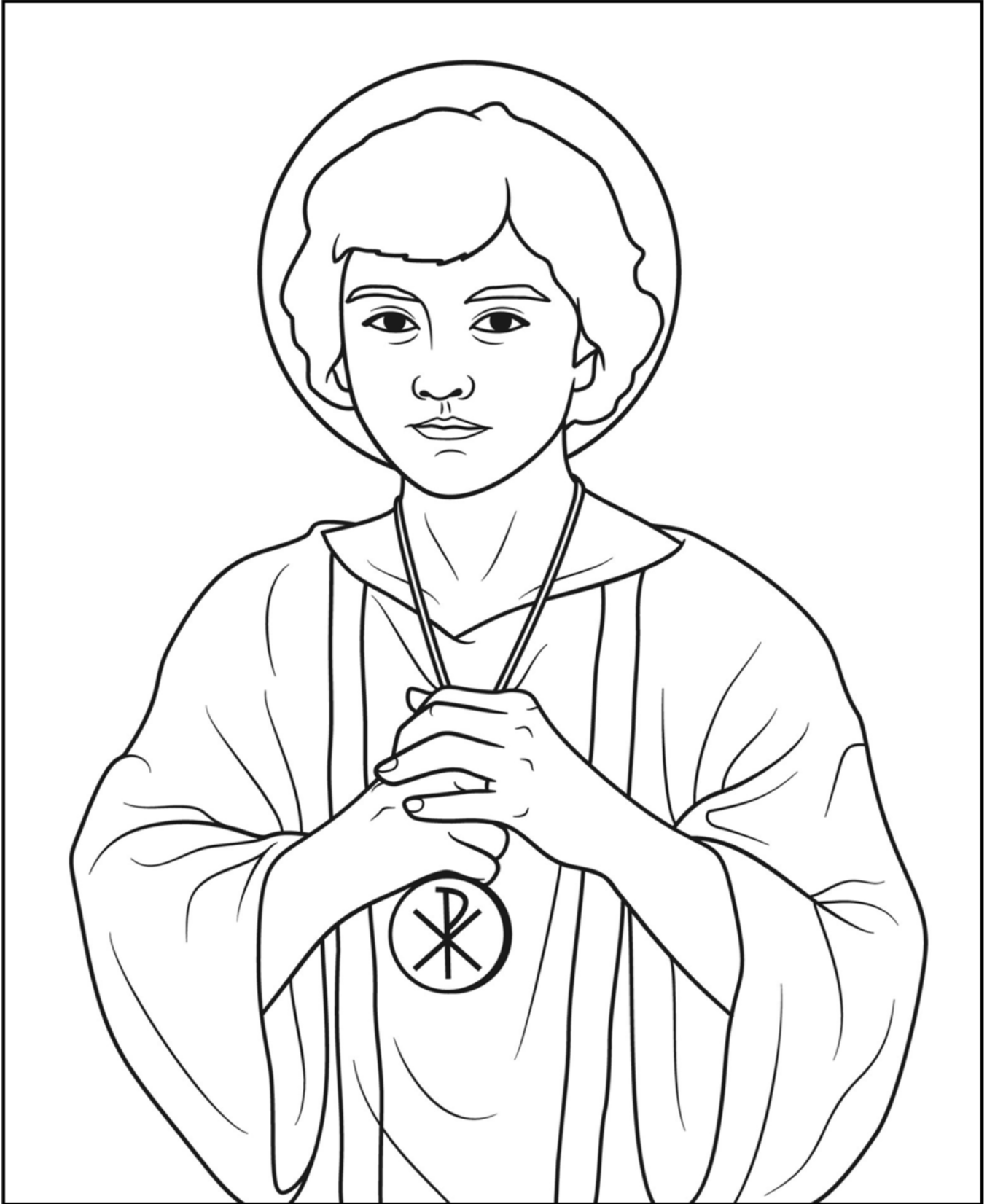
PATRON SAINT OF ATHLETES



St. Sebastian was a soldier who loved God and talked about Jesus to everyone. Even when people wanted him to stop talking about Jesus, he refused. He was shot with arrows, but God helped him survive. St. Sebastian is the patron saint of athletes because he was strong and brave.

ST. TARCISIUS

PATRON SAINT OF ALTAR SERVERS



St. Tarcisus was a young boy who loved Jesus very much. He was asked to take the Eucharist to Christians in prison, even though it was dangerous. Along the way, people attacked him, but he protected the Eucharist with his life.

ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX

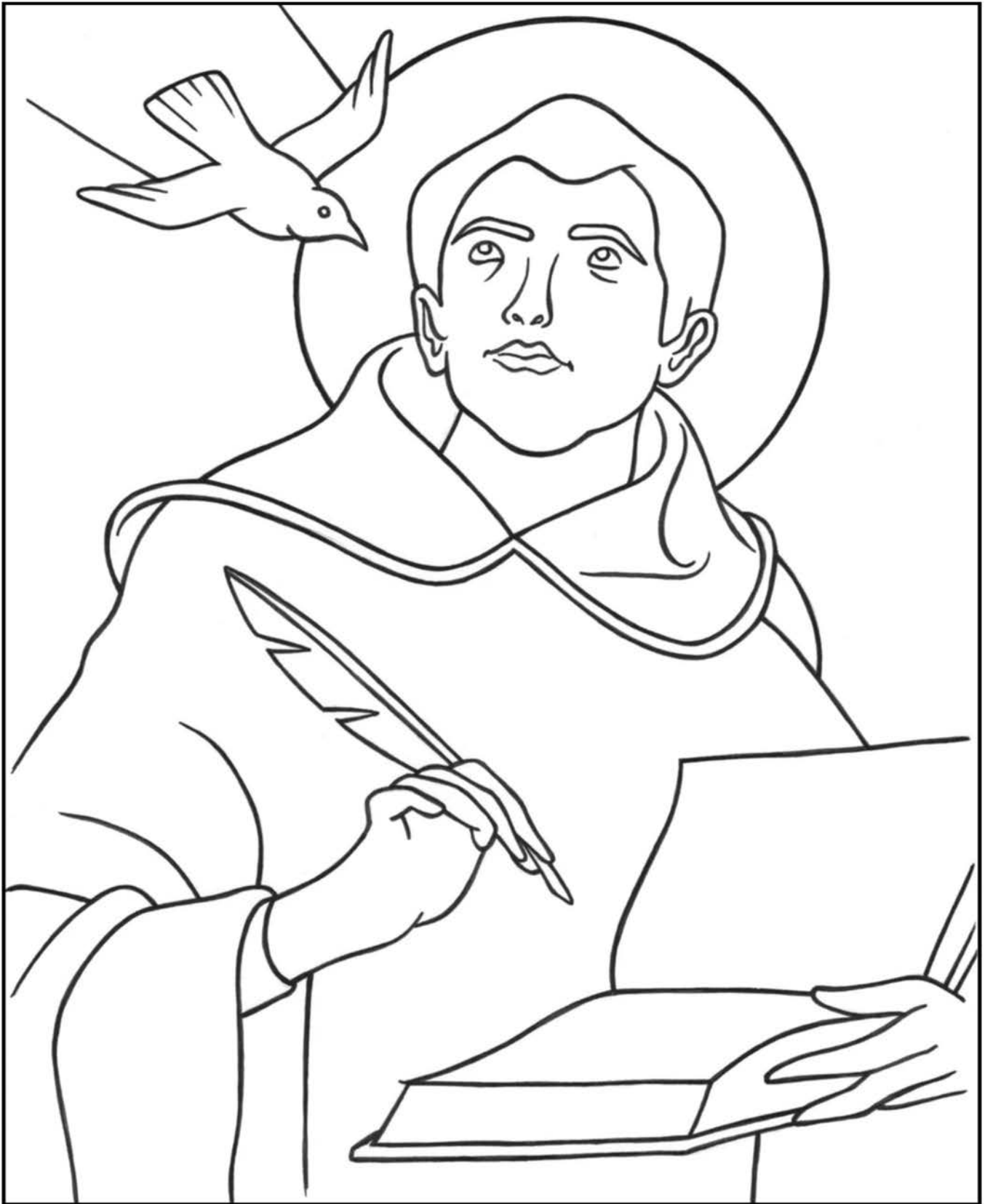
PATRON SAINT OF FLORISTS, FOREIGN MISSIONS, LOSS OF PARENTS, PRIESTS, THE SICK



St. Therese loved Jesus so much that she found holiness in doing small, everyday things with love. She called it her "little way." Even though she was small and young, she knew God loved her. She often fell asleep while praying, but she believed God was happy with her, just like a parent loves their sleeping child.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

PATRON SAINT OF ACADEMICS



St. Thomas was a smart boy who studied with monks when he was only five. He loved learning about God and wanted to teach others. He wrote many important books about the Catholic faith, some of which we still use today. He believed that both our minds and hearts help us know the truth about God.