

Year 7

Saint
Kateri
Tekakwitha



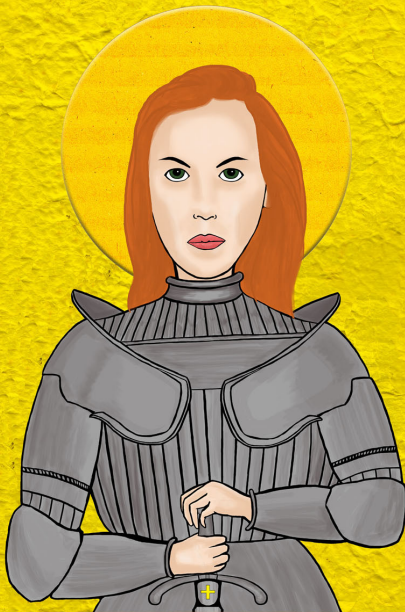
Year 8

Saint
Teresa of
Calcutta



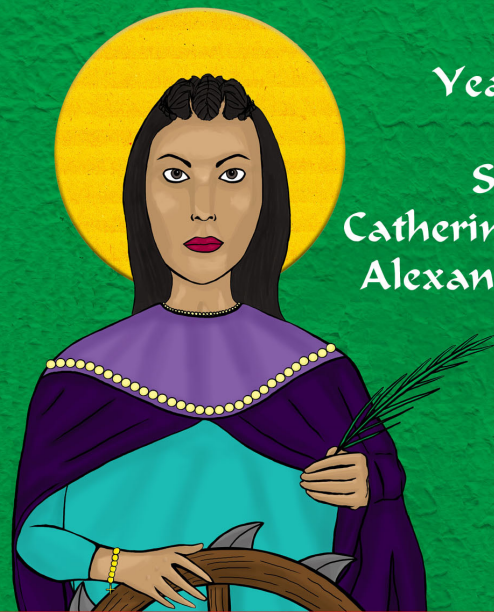
Year 9

Saint
Joan
of Arc



Year 10

Saint
Catherine of
Alexandria



Year 11

Saint
Elizabeth
Seton



Sixth Form

Sister
Thea
Bowman



ST. ANNE'S
CATHOLIC
HIGH SCHOOL
FOR GIRLS

Patronage System

Information Sheet

Context

Before our new patrons were introduced, St. Anne's had a vertical house system with six different female Saints (each form in each year group was assigned to a particular Saint); these were Saint Angela, Saint Faustina, Saint Josephine Bakhita, Saint Laura, Saint Marianne Cope and Saint Teresa Benedicta.

Through a Working Party, led by Ms A. Khan, and closely working with the Catholic Life Lead and Subject Lead for RE, we changed the Saints. However, we wanted to pay homage to the Saints and thank them for watching over our community of St. Anne's for so many years.

We held an assembly of thanks, where our outgoing Saints were honoured, acknowledged and thanked for their service to our Learning Family.

Since September 2023, we have moved to a horizontal patronage system, where each year group is attached to a Catholic Patron.

The Patrons were chosen due to their unique qualities and God given gifts, as well as being strong, diverse women of faith. We feel that their qualities reflect our community and are a source of inspiration for our students and staff. Each patron has had a specially commissioned painting, which beautifully depicts - in gorgeous detail - the gifts and talents she has, as well as the colour afforded to her, representing that particular year group.

Students wear lanyards of the colour of their Patron. Each year group will learn about their patron in RE lessons, assemblies, and year group gatherings. "Feast Fortnights" will be used to celebrate the feast days of the patrons over a two-week period. Students will get the opportunity to have a "dress down day" which celebrates their patron by wearing clothing with their colour or referencing the theme of their patron.

Each patron has a specific theme attached, which links to her Catholic patronage and which we have chosen to match the year group, and this has been done with considerable thought. We want our girls to engage not only with their patron, but the theme she brings. As they move through the years, they will learn about each patron in turn, so that by the end of their journey at St. Anne's they will have learnt about all six.

Meet Our New Patrons



Year 7 Kateri

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha was the first Native American Saint. She is informally known as Lily of the Mohawks, and you can see in her artwork she is holding a lily. Her patronage includes the environment and ecology, so her theme will be the environment. Year 7 will have opportunities to connect with this theme throughout the year through activities and information shared via their Patron Lead.





Year 8 Teresa

Saint Teresa is the Year 8 patron. Also known as, Mother Teresa, Saint Teresa of Calcutta was an Albanian-Indian Roman Catholic nun and missionary. Known for dedicating her life to care for others. Her link to charity is strong and her theme is charity. She is depicted in her traditional white and blue sari and iconic pose. Year 8 will have opportunities to connect with her theme throughout the year through activities and information shared via their Patron Lead.



Year 9 Joan of Arc

Saint Joan of Arc is the national heroine and patron Saint of France. She led France to victory in battle over England and is depicted wearing a suit of armour and, on her sword, a cross. Her patronages include Service Women and we have chosen her theme to be Vocation (encompassing your life calling - as Joan herself had visions of Saints Michael, Catherine and Margaret which impelled her to lead France in battle). Year 9 will have opportunities to connect with her theme throughout the year through activities and information shared via their Patron Lead.



Year 10 Catherine of Alexandria

Saint Catherine of Alexandria was Egyptian and famously tortured for her religion on a spiked wheel. Catherine Wheel fireworks are named after her in her honour. Her patronage includes preachers, philosophers, scholars and craftsmen working with wheels. We have chosen her theme to be skills. In Year 10, this could mean study skills. She is depicted holding a spiked wheel and a palm leaf, the symbol of a Christian Martyr. Year 10 will have opportunities to connect with her theme throughout the year through activities and information shared via their Patron Lead.



Year 11 Elizabeth Seton

Saint Elizabeth Seton was the first woman to open a catholic school in America. She is the Patron Saint of Catholic Schools. During her lifetime and after, Elizabeth Ann Seton was known for her devoutness, compassion and desire to help others. She converted to Catholicism, where she worked to establish and grow the Sisters of Charity, who pray to her to cure others. She is depicted as a teacher of Catholic Studies, wearing a black dress and bonnet, holding a copy of the bible. Her theme is Education. Year 11 will have opportunities to connect with her theme throughout the year through activities and information shared via their Patron Lead.



Sixth Form Thea Bowman

Sister Thea Bowman is the only non-Saint among our Patrons. The highly educated Thea Bowman was a teacher and leader for African American Catholic women. The Sister Thea Bowman Black Catholic Educational Foundation was established as a legacy of Bowman to raise scholarship money for black children in Catholic Schools. She is depicted in traditional African dress, which she often wore, as she was proud to be American with African descent. A cause for canonisation has been opened for Bowman. She has been designated a Servant of God. The Sixth Form will have opportunities to connect with her theme throughout the year through activities and information shared via their Patron Lead.

Patron Leads for 2023-2024

Year 7 Kateri



Ms Sian Foster
Teacher of PE

Year 8 Teresa



Mr Paul Gillespie
Lead Graphics Teacher

Year 9 Joan of Arc



Miss Clara Sheaf
Teacher of Languages

Year 10 Catherine of Alexandria



Ms Candace Cotton
Teacher of English

Year 11 Elizabeth Seton



Ms Becky Payne
Subject Lead of History & Politics

Sixth Form Thea Bowman



Mrs Fola Adeleke
Teacher of Science

Important House Patronage Dates for 2023-2024

Year Group/Patron	Theme	Feast Fortnights	Assemblies <small>Lower Site</small>	Assemblies <small>Upper Site</small>	Dress Down Days
Year 8 St Teresa of Calcutta	Charity	Monday 9 th – Friday 20 th October	Tuesday 10 th October		Monday 9 th October
Year 10 St Catherine of Alexandria	Skills	Monday 13 th - Friday 24 th November		Thursday 16 th November	Monday 13 th November
Year 11 St Elizabeth Seton	Education	Monday 15 th -Friday 26 th January		Friday 19 th January	Monday 15 th January
Sixth Form Sister Thea Bowman	Cultural Heritage	Monday 4 th - Friday 15 th March		Thursday 7 th March	Monday 4 th March
Year 9 St Joan of Arc	Vocation	Monday 13 th - Friday 24 th May	Thursday 16 th May		Monday 13 th May
Year 7 St Kateri Tekakwitha	The Environment	Monday 1 st - Friday 12 th July	Tuesday 2 nd July		Monday 1 st July