

SPEAKING OF SAINTS



Christian Formation Presentation
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WHAT IS A SAINT?

GREEK: Hagia (holy)

- Hagia Sophia – means Holy Wisdom
- Represented in every Orthodox Church

LATIN: Sanctus (Holy)

- Holy, Holy, Holy - The Sanctus in our HE
- Sanctus bells alert us to pay attention



FROM HAGIA TO HAG



THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS



“Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels
and with all the company of heaven,
who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name...”

(Eucharistic Prayers A, B, C,; BCP, 362)

"...to be a saint is to know joy. Not happiness that comes and goes with the moments that occasion it, but joy that is always there like an underground spring no matter how dark and terrible the night.

To be a saint is to be a little out of one's mind, which is a very good thing to be a little out of from time to time.

It is to live a life that is always giving itself away and yet is always full."

The Magnificent Defeat, [Frederick Buechner](#)



WHO ARE THE SAINTS?

Saints are believers

...who went before us

...who are living among us now

...who are yet to come



Aug 26, 1910 – Sep 5, 1997

ST.
PATRICK
(390 – 461)





CHIEF SEATTLE
(C. 1786 – JUNE 7, 1866)

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

(1182 – 1226)

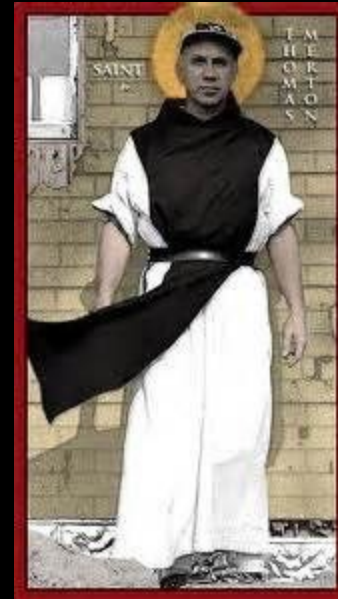




JONATHAN DANIELS
(MAR 20, 1939 – AUG 20, 1965)

THOMAS MERTON

(JAN 31, 1915 – DEC 10, 1968)

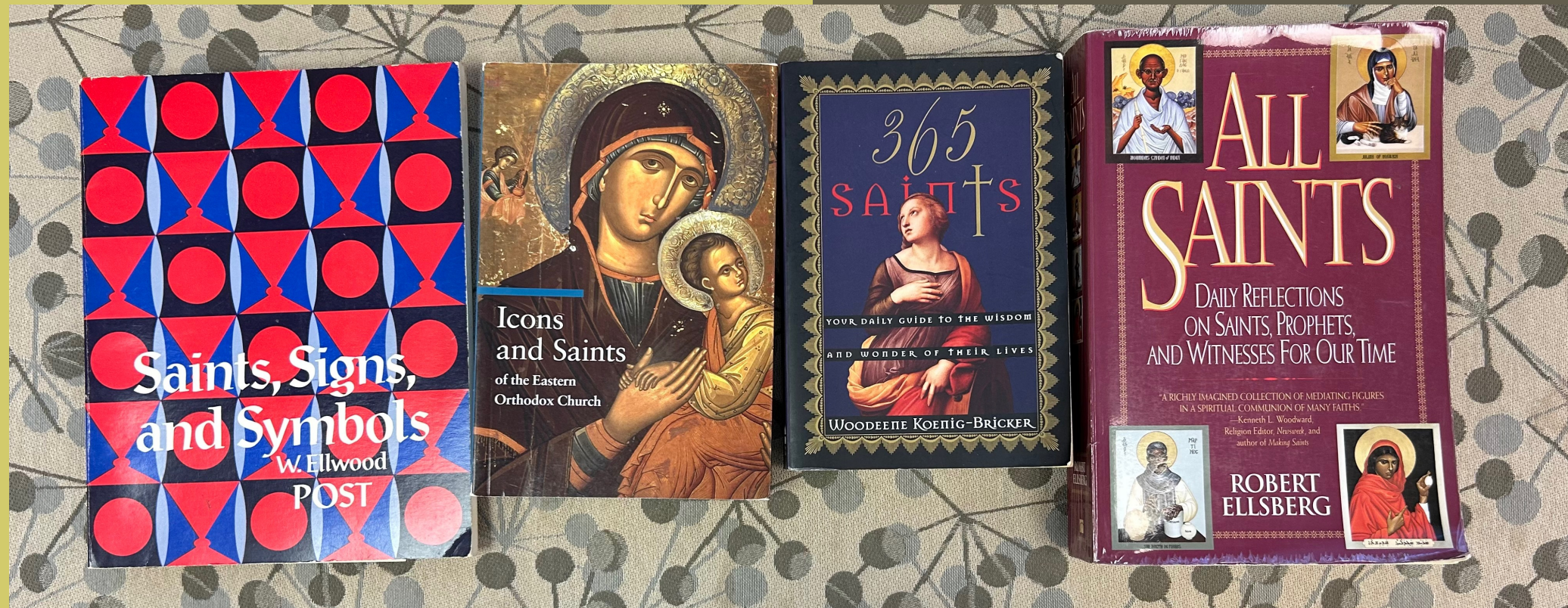




SOJOURNER TRUTH
(1797 – 1883)

CAN YOU THINK OF SOMEONE
WHO IS A LIVING SAINT TODAY?

WHAT DO YOU ADMIRE
ABOUT THEM?



RESOURCES