



Canadian Martyrs CES

September 26

Who were the Canadian Martyrs?

The Canadian Martyrs, also known as the North American Martyrs, were a group of eight brave Jesuit missionaries who lived and worked in the 17th century in what is now Canada. They were: St. Jean de Brébeuf; St. Isaac Jogues; St. Gabriel Lalemant; St. Antoine Daniel; St. Charles Garnier; St. Noël Chabanel; St. René Goupil; and St. Jean de La Lande.

These missionaries' main goal was to spread the Gospel and share the love of Jesus with the Indigenous peoples of New France (Canada). They left their homes in Europe and faced many challenges to bring Christianity to the Indigenous communities. They learned Indigenous languages, lived in Indigenous communities, and shared the teachings of Jesus.

During their time in Canada, the martyrs faced many challenges such as harsh weather conditions and hostile invasions. However, those difficulties didn't stop them from staying positive. As a group, they were dedicated to caring for the sick, teaching children, and providing spiritual guidance to those they encountered. Their goal was to help others know and experience God's love.

Sadly, some of the Canadian Martyrs faced persecution and were killed for their faith. They were captured, tortured and killed because of their beliefs. Despite dealing with great pain and suffering, they never once questioned their faith or Jesus as they knew God had a bigger plan for them.

The Canadian Martyrs' sacrifices and deaths left a permanent impact on the history of Christianity in North America, being declared as saints by the Church for their bravery and strong faith. They are honoured as heroes for their courage, dedication, and love for God and others. Their stories inspire us to live out our faith, be kind to others, and stand up for what is right.

Today, we remember the Canadian Martyrs as role models of faith and resilience. Their legacy encourages us to be courageous, compassionate, and faithful in our own lives. We honour their memory and strive to follow their example of love and selflessness.

More information: [Click Here!](#)

Canadian Martyrs CES Website [Click Here](#)



Quotes

"The sign of the Cross is adorable and could not do anything but good to those who should use it."

- St. Isaac Jogues

"My God and my saviour Jesus, what return can I make to You for all the benefits You have conferred on me."

- St. Jean de Brebeuf

Prayer

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit;

Dear Canadian Martyrs,

We turn to you with hearts full of gratitude and admiration for your courage, faith and sacrifice. You gave your lives in service to God, spreading the Gospel and showing the love of Jesus to those you encountered.

We ask for your intercession in our lives,
that we may have the same strength and unwavering commitment to our faith.
Help us to be courageous witnesses of Christ,
willing to endure hardships and make sacrifices for the sake of the Gospel.

Inspire us to be compassionate and merciful,
to care for the marginalized and the oppressed in our society, just as you did.
Teach us to love as you loved, with selflessness and humility,
putting the needs of others before our own.

May your example of faith and devotion inspire us to be faithful disciples of Jesus,
to live with integrity and to stand up for what is right, even in the face of adversity.

Canadian Martyrs,
pray for us and guide us on our journey of faith.
Help us to follow in your footsteps and to bring the light of Christ to those we encounter.

Amen

Patron Saint

Canada & North
America

Religious
Vocations

Indigenous
People

Catholic
Education

Evangelization
& Missionaries



York Catholic District School Board



FEAST DAY:
September 26

SCHOOL LOCATION:
Newmarket, ON

*"The more we sacrifice
ourselves, the more His
love will reign in our
hearts."*
—St. Charles Garnier

The Canadian Martyrs

PATRON SAINT OF:

- Canada
- North America
- Indigenous People
- Missionaries
- Evangelization
- Catholic Education

