

YEAR FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

VOCATION TO THE LIFE OF CONSECRATED VIRGINITY
LIVED IN THE WORLD



Activities

Welcome to the activity section for the Year for Consecrated Life.

It is designed to expand your understanding of the ancient vocation of the life of consecrated virginity lived in the world.

Write the Rite

The following selection is from the Introduction to the Rite of Consecration from the Roman Pontifical. After you have read through the paragraph proceed to the activity of writing in the missing words from the Rite.

I. NATURE AND VALUE OF CONSECRATION TO VIRGINITY

1 The custom of consecrating women to a life of virginity flourished even in the early Church. It led to the formation of a solemn Rite constituting the candidate a sacred person, a surpassing sign of the Church's love for Christ, and an eschatological image of the world to come and the glory of the heavenly Bride of Christ. In the Rite of Consecration the Church reveals its love of virginity, begs God's grace on those who are consecrated, and prays with fervor for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

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II. PRINCIPAL DUTIES OF THOSE CONSECRATED

2 Those who consecrate their chastity under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit do so for the sake of more fervent love of Christ and of greater freedom in the service of their brothers and sisters.

They are to spend their time in works of penance and of mercy, in apostolic activity, and in prayer, according to their state in life and spiritual gifts.

To fulfill their duty of prayer, they are strongly advised to celebrate the Liturgy of Hours each day, especially Lauds and Vespers. In this way, by joining their voices to those of Christ the High Priest and of his Church, they will offer unending praise to the heavenly Father and pray for the salvation of the whole world.

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III. THOSE WHO MAY BE CONSECRATED

3 This consecration may be received by nuns or by women living in the world.

4 In the case of nuns it is required:

- a) that they have never married or lived in public or open violation of chastity;
- b) that they have made their perpetual profession, either in the same Rite or on an earlier occasion;
- c) that their religious family uses this Rite either by an established custom or by new permission of the competent authority.

5 In the case of women living in the world it is required:

- a) that they have never married or lived in public or open violation of chastity;
- b) that by their age, prudence, and universally approved character they give assurance of perseverance in a life of chastity dedicated to the service of the Church and of their neighbor;
- c) that they be admitted to this consecration by the Diocesan Bishop who is Ordinary of the place.

It is for the Diocesan Bishop to decide on the conditions under which women living in the world are to undertake a life of perpetual virginity.

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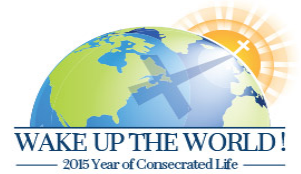
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- b) that by their ____, prudence, and universally approved _____ they give _____ of _____ in a life of chastity _____ to the service of the Church and of their neighbor;
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Circle a Word

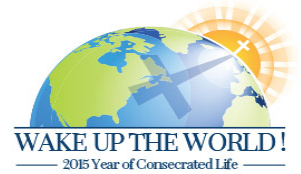
The following circle a word activity involves the names of the Fathers of the Church who have written about virginity consecrated to God and lived in the world.

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Circle a Word ✍

Circle of Writings The following circle a word activity involves the titles of a variety of writings about and /or including virginity consecrated to God and lived in the world.

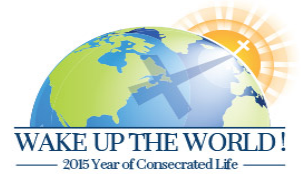
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WORDS TO FIND

BIBLE CATECHISM CANON LAW CONSECRATED LIFE
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 VITA CONSECRATA

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Circle a Word **Circle of SAINTS** The following circle a word activity involves the names of virgin/virgin martyr saints who have lived in the world.

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NAMES TO FIND

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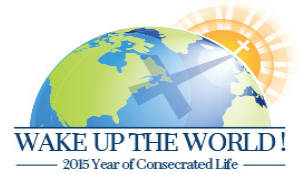
MARIA GROETTI

PHILOMENA

VIRGIN MARY

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Virgin Saints in the First Eucharistic Prayer the Roman Canon of the Mass

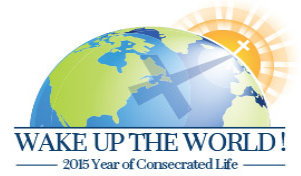
“The Wedding feast of the Lamb has begun and
His bride is prepared to welcome Him”

“Take as your example the virgin saints
who have enriched the Church’s life in every age.” Pope John Paul II

Saint Agatha Two cities of **Sicily**, Palermo and **Catania**, contest the honor of St. Agatha’s birthplace. It is certain that under the emperor Decius in 251, she bore the crown of **martyrdom** at Catania. This holy **virgin** was renowned far & wide for her nobility & wealth, as well as for her beauty & virtue. Already in her childhood she had **chosen Jesus** for her **Spouse**, & she cling to Him with undivided love. Accused of being a **Christian** she was dragged before the heathen judge, Quintianus. This villain endeavored by many mean artifices to overcome her chaste mind & her courage. But, like a rock in the ocean, the virgin remained unmoved & unshaken; as the dust beneath her feet she accounted all that the world could offer. In prison her tortured breasts were miraculously healed by **St. Peter**. Afterward the wretched tyrant gave orders that the saint be rolled on sharp potsherds and glowing coals. Again brought back to prison, the saint prayed: “Lord, Thou hast created me & preserved me since my childhood, who hast delivered my heart from the love of the world & protected my body from perdition, who hast made me triumph over tortures & bonds, over iron & fire, I pray Thee, receive my spirit from this earth into the boson of Thy mercy.” After her death her tomb, made glorious by God with many miracles, became the refuge of the Christians & even the heathens. There also was kept the wonderful veil that was not burned, but only somewhat crimsoned, when the saint was thrown into the fire. Exactly one year after her death the neighboring **volcano** of Etna burst forth in torrents of fire, which moved toward the city of Catania & threatened its destruction; then the inhabitants ran in terror to her tomb, took the veil, & held it in the direction of the stream lava. At that very instant the lava took another course toward the ocean and the city was saved. **February 5th** is her feast day.

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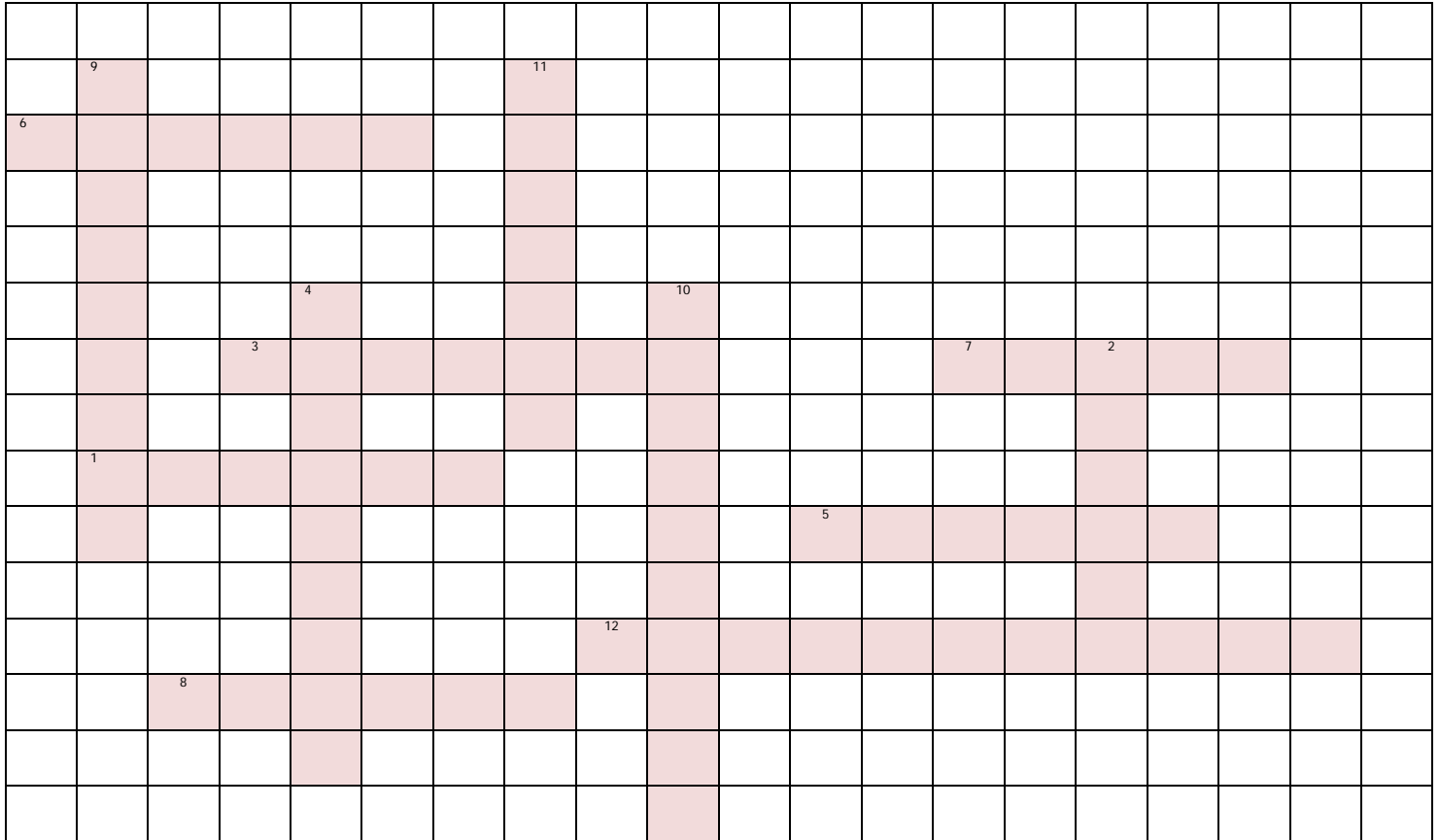
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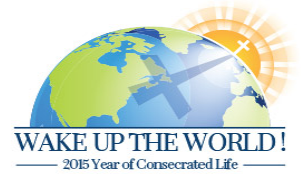
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Saint **Agnes**, the child of wealthy and distinguished parents, was the most celebrated **virgin martyr** of **Rome**. Truly responding to her name, as St. Jerome writes, she passed her childhood in spotless purity & lamblike innocence (the chaste or pure lamb; agnus = lamb). A hundred years after her death **St. Ambrose** said: "Even at the present day many Roman maidens cherish the example of St. Agnes as though she were still dwelling & living among us, animating themselves thereby to a **perpetual preservation** of **purity**." She gained the double **crown of virginity** & martyrdom at the tender age of 12. It is certain that she was buried a short distance from the city on the Via **Nomentana** in the villa of her parents. Her tomb became glorious for on the spot arises one of the loveliest and most renowned churches of Rome, *S. Agnese fuori le mura*. There annually on the anniversary of her death (**January 21st**) two white lambs are laid on the altar and blessed during the singing of the Agnus Dei. They are again blessed by the pope & then entrusted to the Benedictine nuns of St. Agnes to be cared for. From their wool are made the **palliums**, which the Holy Father, after having them placed for one night on the tomb of the Prince of the Apostles, blesses & sends to the archbishops as a sign of their precedence over the bishops.

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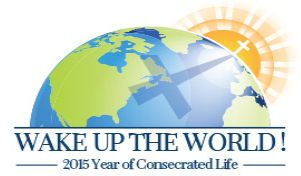
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Saint **Lucy** suffered **martyrdom** about 304, in the great persecution of Diocletian against the Christians. She came from **Syracuse**, was of noble lineage, & at an **early age vowed perpetual virginity** to the Lord. According to her acts, her **mother** was miraculously restored to health at the **tomb** of **St. Agatha**. Thereupon Lucy sold her ornaments & her goods in order to give the proceeds to the poor & the sick. Accused of being a Christian, she appeared before the tribunal of the heathen judge, Paschasius, but refused to offer sacrifices to the idols when commanded to do so. Because she had said: They that live chastely & devoutly are a temple of God, & the Holy Ghost dwells in them, " they wished to drag to a brothel; but the lord rendered her as immovable as a pillar, so that no power could move her. Then a funeral pyre was built around her & ignited, but the flames left her untouched. Finally a sword was thrust through her neck; but she lived until she had received Viaticum from a priest and had consoled the Christians who were standing around. Her feast is kept on **December 13th**.

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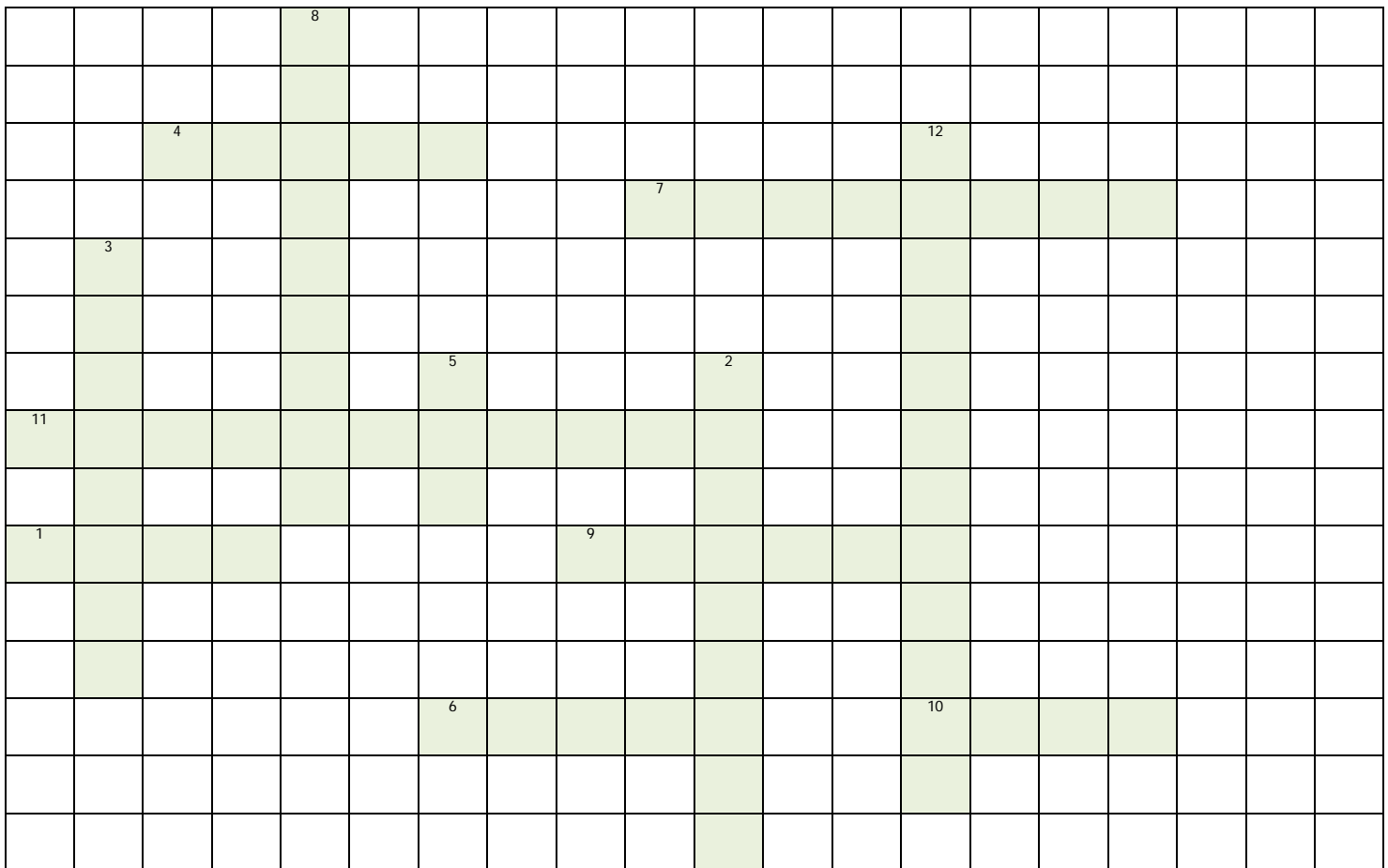
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Saintly Crossing

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(This account is taken from Wikipedia)

On 24 May 1802 in the **Catacombs** of Priscilla on the Via Salaria Nova an inscribed *loculus* (space hollowed out of the rock) was found, and on the following day it was carefully examined and opened. The *loculus* was closed with three terra cotta tiles, on which was the following inscription: *lumena paxte cumfi*. It was and is generally accepted that the tiles were in a wrong order and that the inscription originally read, with the leftmost tile placed on the right: *pax tecum Filumena* (i.e. "Peace with you, Philomena"). Within the *loculus* was found the skeleton of a female between thirteen and fifteen years old. Embedded in the cement was a small glass phial with vestiges of what was taken to be blood. In accordance with the assumptions of the time, the remains were taken to be those of a virgin martyr named Philomena.

On 21 December 1833, the Holy Office declared that there was nothing contrary to the Catholic faith in the revelations that Sister Maria Luisa di Gesù (1799–1875), a Dominican tertiary from Naples, claimed to have received from the Saint herself.

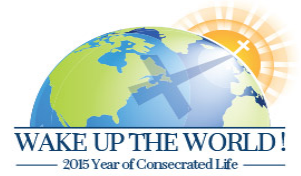
According to Sister Maria Luisa di Gesù, **Saint Philomena** told her she was the daughter of a king in **Greece** who, with his wife, had **converted** to Christianity. At the age of about 13 she took a vow of **consecrated virginity**. When the Emperor Diocletian threatened to make war on her father, her father went with his family to Rome to ask for peace. The Emperor fell in love with the young Philomena and, when she refused to be his wife, subjected her to a series of torments: scourging, from whose effects two angels cured her; drowning with an anchor attached to her (two angels cut the rope and raised her to the river bank); being shot with arrows, (on the first occasion her wounds were healed; on the second, the arrows turned aside; and on the third, they returned and killed six of the archers, after which, several of the others became Christians). Finally the Emperor had her decapitated. The story goes that the decapitation occurred on a Friday at three in the afternoon, as with the death of Jesus. (10 August 304 was a Thursday.) The two **anchors**, three **arrows**, the **palm** and the ivy leaf on the tiles found in the tomb were interpreted as **symbols** of her **martyrdom**.

In the Neapolitan nun's account, Saint Philomena also revealed that her birthday was 10 January, that her martyrdom occurred on 10 **August** (the date also of the arrival of her relics in Mugnano del Cardinale), and that her name "Filumena" meant "daughter of light". (It is usually taken to be derived from a Greek word meaning "beloved".)

For more information on the Life of Saint Philomena go to the Website for the Universal Living Rosary
www.philomena.org

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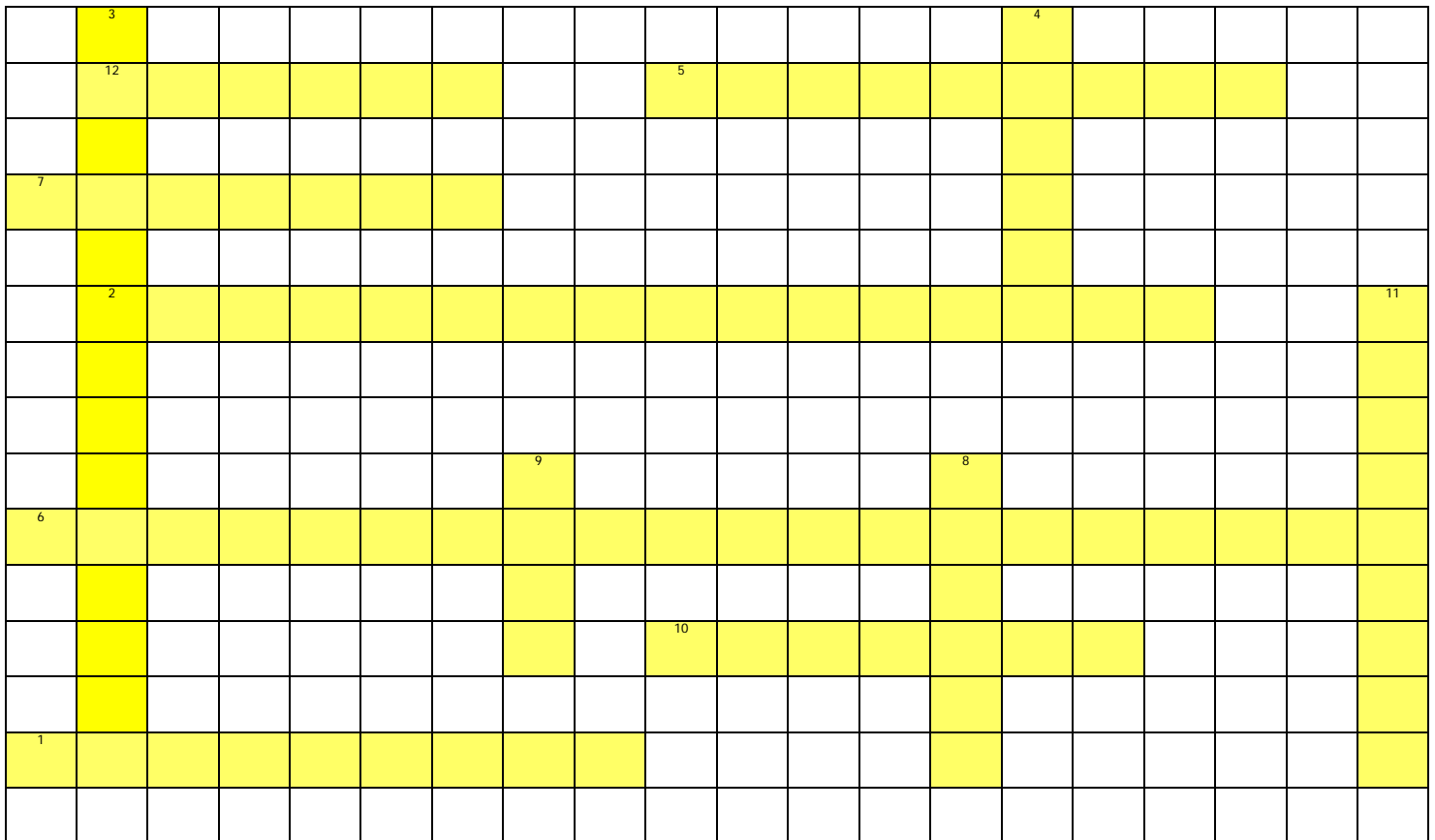
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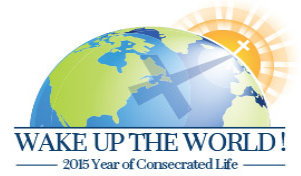
From the Homily at the Mass of Canonization October 21, 2012, Pope Benedict XVI

Kateri Tekakwitha was born in today's New York state in 1656 to a Mohawk father and a **Christian Algonquin mother** who gave to her a sense of the living God. She was **baptized** at twenty years of age and, to escape persecution, she took refuge in Saint Francis Xavier Mission near Montreal. There she worked, faithful to the traditions of her people, although renouncing their religious convictions until her death at the age of twenty-four. Leading a **simple life**, Kateri remained **faithful** to her love for **Jesus**, to **prayer** and to daily Mass. Her greatest wish was to know and to do what pleased God. She lived a life radiant with faith and **purity**.

Kateri impresses us by the action of **grace** in her life in spite of the absence of external help and by the **courage** of her vocation, so unusual in her culture. In her, faith and culture enrich each other! May her **example** help us to live where we are, loving Jesus without denying who we are. Saint Kateri, Protectress of Canada and the first native American saint, we entrust to you the renewal of the faith in the first nations and in all of North America! May God bless the first nations!

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