



Patron of Students Back-to-School Treat

“Christian perfection consists in three things: praying heroically, working heroically, and suffering heroically.” —ST. ANTHONY MARY CLARET

■ A patron is a saint who is venerated as a special intercessor before God. According to *My Catholic Faith*, “When we pray to the saints we ask them to offer their prayers to God for us. This is what we call the “intercession” of the saints. If we are grateful for the intercession of a friend before an earthly superior, how much more so should we be for the intercession of saints before God! Experience has proved that much is gained by

invoking certain saints in times of special need. It appears that God has given to individual saints powers to help us in special needs. Thus we invoke St. Joseph as patron of a happy death; St. Anthony when we have lost anything; St. Blaise for diseases of the throat, etc. Many wonderful answers to prayer lead to the belief that the saints take particular interest in persons whose circumstances are the same as theirs were on earth.” These

Patron of Students Back-to-School Treats provide a perfect opportunity to introduce your students to some of our heavenly intercessors. What a great way to begin the school year!

Here are some of the saints who are patrons of students:

- * St. Thomas Aquinas
- * St. Catherine of Alexandria
- * St. Nicholas of Myra
- * St. Philomena
- * St. Gemma Galgani
- * St. Ursula
- * St. John Bosco

- * St. Jerome
- * St. Joseph of Cupertino
- * St. Isidore
- * St. Ambrose
- * St. Gregory the Great
- * Find additional patrons of students here: catholicsaints.info/patrons-of-students/

Patron Saints of Students, pray for us!



3. Cover the seam between the yellow and pink paper with the strip of aluminum foil.
4. Adhere one Hershey's Kisses to the top.
5. Attach the Patron of Students tag with some ribbon.

Note: For a quick and easy alternative to the cardstock and foil, download a free printable version of the wrapper here: showerofroses.blogspot.com/2011/08/patron-of-students-back-to-school-treat.html

LET US PRAY

Creator of all things, true source of light and wisdom, origin of all being, graciously let a ray of your light penetrate the darkness of my understanding. Take from me the double darkness in which I have been born, an obscurity of sin and ignorance. Give me a keen understanding, a retentive memory, and the ability to grasp things correctly and fundamentally. Grant me the talent of being exact in my explanations and the ability to express myself with thoroughness and charm. Point out the beginning, direct the progress, and help in the completion. I ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

—A Prayer for Students by St. Thomas Aquinas

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MATERIALS NEEDED

- * 3 1/2" x 4 1/2" Yellow Cardstock
- * Pinking Shears
- * 3 1/2" x 1 1/2" Pink Cardstock
- * 1" circle Pink Cardstock
- * 3 1/2" x 3/8" Aluminum Foil
- * ROLO® and Hershey's Kisses
- * Adhesive
- * Ribbon
- * Patron of Students Tag

WITH THE CLASS

1. Trim one short end of the yellow cardstock with pinking shears (zigzag edge scissors), and score every 1/4" lengthwise. Wrap around ROLO and adhere.
2. Next, wrap the pink cardstock at the opposite end, adding the pink circle to cover the exposed end of the ROLO.

