



# The Kids' Catholic Virginian

“Let the little children come to me” – Matthew 19:14

## Who is the Greatest?

## SAINT SUPERHERO Saint Pio of Pietrelcina

•Feast: September 23  
•Patron: Civil defense volunteers, teenagers



In Sunday's Gospel reading the disciples were arguing with each other about who was the greatest. Jesus knew what they were talking about, so He told them that whoever wanted to be great must serve others.

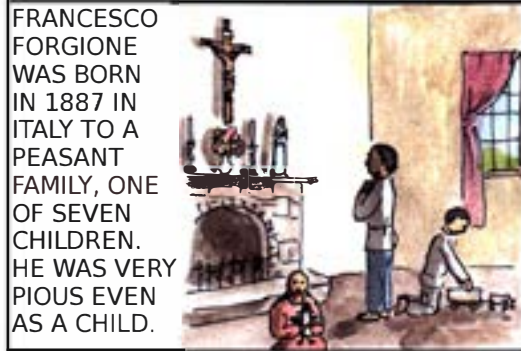
Can you think of anyone who serves you? What about your parents? Priests and teachers also serve us. What would you like to do when you grow up?



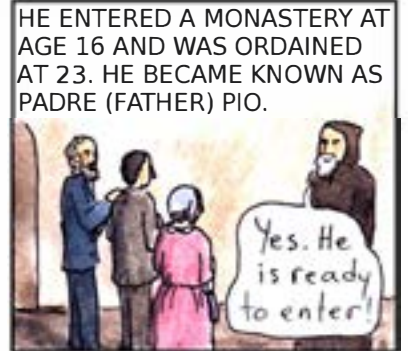
How can you serve others, like your family?



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FRANCESCO FORGIONE WAS BORN IN 1887 IN ITALY TO A PEASANT FAMILY, ONE OF SEVEN CHILDREN. HE WAS VERY PIOUS EVEN AS A CHILD.



HE ENTERED A MONASTERY AT AGE 16 AND WAS ORDAINED AT 23. HE BECAME KNOWN AS PADRE (FATHER) PIO.



PADRE PIO WAS FORCED TO JOIN THE ARMY, BUT WAS DISCHARGED BECAUSE HE WAS SICK.



HE WAS SENT TO A FAR MONASTERY AND THERE HE RECEIVED CHRIST'S STIGMATA.



PADRE PIO SUFFERED GREATLY FROM THE WOUNDS BUT HE WAS STILL CHEERFUL.



SOON THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WERE COMING TO ST. PIO FOR CONFESSION. HE COULD SEE WHAT WAS IN THEIR SOULS.



PADRE PIO BROUGHT ALL SORTS OF PEOPLE CLOSER TO GOD. HE LOVED THE SICK AND HAD A HOSPITAL BUILT. HE DIED AT THE AGE OF 81.

SAINT PIO SUFFERED MUCH DURING HIS LIFE, BUT HE KNEW THAT SAVING SOULS WAS WORTH IT. HE SPENT HUNDREDS OF HOURS HEARING CONFESSIONS TO HELP BRING PEOPLE BACK TO GOD. HAVE YOU GONE TO CONFESSION LATELY? IF YOU HAVEN'T, GO THE NEXT TIME YOU HAVE THE CHANCE!



## Ask the Bishop

**Q.** Do you play Roblox?  
– Mrs. Mroz's 1st grade class, St. Pius X School, Norfolk

**A.** No, I have not played Roblox. I don't even have games on my phone. I played a little Angry Birds when I got an iPad. And I did play games when I was a kid, because we had Atari. I also remember playing Pong, a computer ping pong game. Most games, like Space Invaders and Pac-man, were only in arcades at that time. Gaming at home didn't become popular until I was in college, and by then I spent my time doing other things.

**Q.** Have you ever broken a bone? How did it happen?  
– Sylvie Rose, 8, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Newport News

**A.** Both times I've broken bones have involved impacts with sponges – yes, sponges!  
Sometime between 4th- 6th grades, I broke my pinkie finger as I was catching a Nerf football. My brothers and I used to play tackle football a lot in the backyard. I was running as I was catching the football – it hit the tip of my finger and snapped it, so I had to wear a cast.  
Then, I broke my thumb in 9th grade. We were doing the high jump in gym class and we were supposed to land in a huge net full of sponges. I went over the bar, put my hand down – and broke my thumb! I had to wear a cast that time, too!

Kids 12 and younger: make sure to check with your parent/guardian, then email Bishop Knestout [YOUR](mailto:AskTheBishop@catholicvirginian.org) question. [AskTheBishop@catholicvirginian.org](mailto:AskTheBishop@catholicvirginian.org) Include your full name, age, and home parish.