

SAINT MARTIN DE PORRES

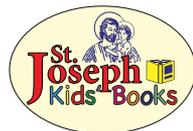


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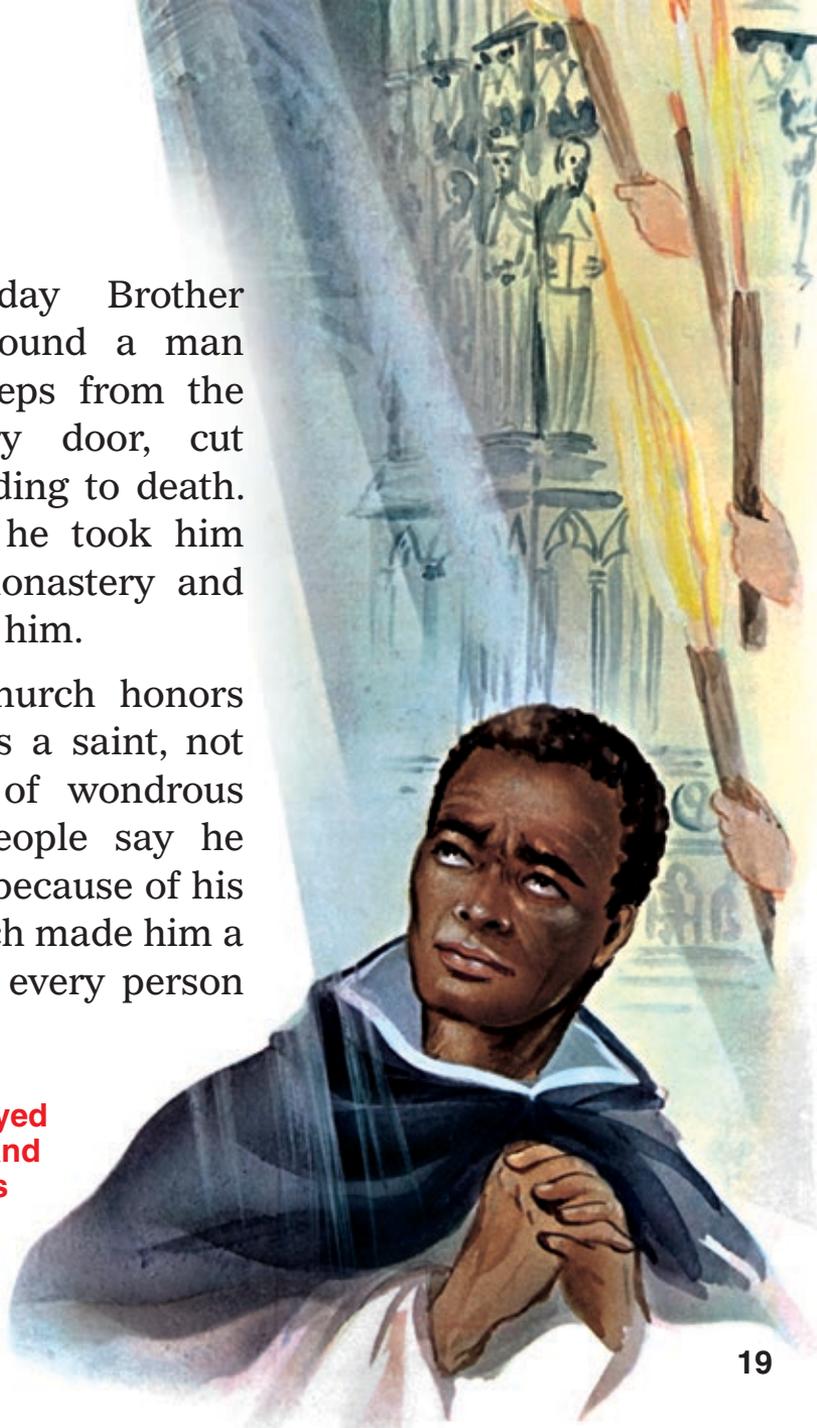


At night Martin could be found in prayer in the chapel.

One day Brother Martin found a man a few steps from the monastery door, cut and bleeding to death. At once he took him to the monastery and cared for him.

The Church honors Martin as a saint, not because of wondrous works people say he had, but because of his love which made him a friend to every person he met.

Martin prayed for cures and his prayers were answered.



Martin's Love for Jesus

MARTIN came to the monastery to be a servant of all to imitate the example of Jesus, Who said He came into this world to serve and not to be served. For the love of Jesus he did all his works of love for others. He loved all, especially those who were in need, the poor, the sick, the suffering, slaves and helpless children.

Most of all, he loved Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Holy Mass was the center of his daily life. Holy Communion was his way of loving Jesus most and of making his soul holy. Free hours would be spent before the tabernacle.

God granted to Martin the gift of prayer. His prayers were full of love, faith, humility, and perseverance. He was sometimes so close to God in prayer that his body was lifted in midair, while his face touched the Crucifix. He lived more in heaven than on earth, because his entire life was dedicated to God through prayer and acts of charity.