

Chapter 4
Saint Paul Writing his Epistles
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Using God's Gifts

In this assignment, students will reflect on their God-given talents and how they are meant to be used in the world. When God calls us to serve him, he does so within our natural gifts and talents. Students will read and write about lives of three saints who used their talents for God.

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When God calls us to a new way of life, he doesn't call us to abandon our gifts and talents. God gave us our gifts not to be abandoned - but to build the Kingdom of Heaven! We can see this clearly in the life of St. Paul. Where there was once a zealous persecutor of Christianity, he was transformed into a zealous defender of the faith. God didn't want him to discard his intense nature, but to use it in a new way.

Throughout history, we see God calling people to use their unique gifts and talents for service to the Church. There are saints that have been doctors, lawyers, writers, teachers, and software engineers. Who are some of these people? You will read and report about three saints—St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Carlo Acutis, and St. Gianna Molla—sharing information in this format:

St. Paul

Two-sentence Biography

St. Paul was a Pharisee and a tentmaker with dual Roman citizenship who originally persecuted Christians. After his conversion, he travelled throughout the Roman Empire preaching the Good News to Gentiles.

Main Gift

Passionate personality

How the Gift Was Used

He used his passion to pursue souls and inspire others to convert to Christianity

St. Thomas Aquinas

Two-sentence Biography

Main Gift

How the Gift Was Used

St. Carlo Acutis

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St. Gianna Molla

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Now fill out the same information for yourself.

You

Two-sentence Biography

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