

St. Martin de Porres (1579-1639)

He Loved All Things

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Martin de Porres was born of a free black woman and a Spanish nobleman. As a child in Lima, Peru, he was a servant in a priory, where he was so dutiful that the brothers called him “the Saint of the Broom.”

A gentle man, Martin devoted himself to the poor, the sick, and those for whom no one else cared, especially homeless children. It was said that Martin de Porres could heal with a handshake.

To further his mission, he opened an orphanage and a children’s hospital. But his kindness went beyond tending and curing people. He also cared deeply for the stray cats and dogs that roamed the streets. He fed and looked out for them, too.

A mystic, Martin was noted for miraculous healing. At prayer, he would be lifted into the air despite his efforts to remain earthbound. When he died, people from every level of society—from nobles to paupers and slaves—followed his coffin to the grave.

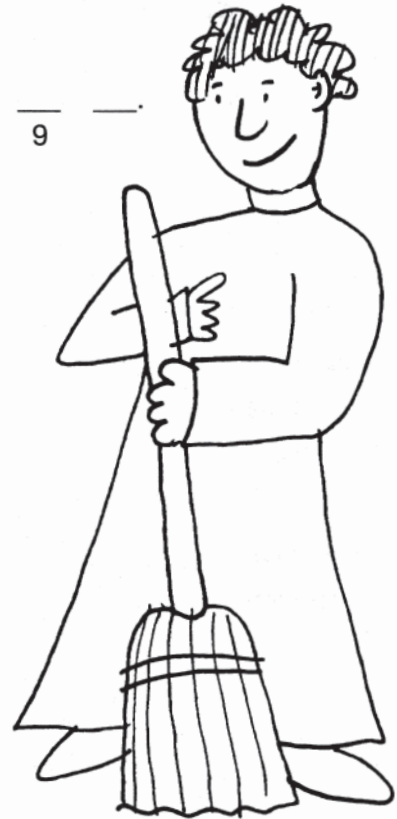
Fill in the following sentences about Martin to discover what Pope John XXIII called him at his canonization.

Martin devoted himself to the $\frac{\quad}{1}$ $\frac{\quad}{5}$ $\frac{\quad}{5}$ $\frac{\quad}{4}$ and the $\frac{\quad}{8}$ $\frac{\quad}{10}$ $\frac{\quad}{9}$ $\frac{\quad}{\quad}$.

He was humble, like $\frac{\quad}{12}$ $\frac{\quad}{14}$ $\frac{\quad}{8}$ $\frac{\quad}{18}$ $\frac{\quad}{8}$.

This saint swept the $\frac{\quad}{7}$ $\frac{\quad}{11}$ $\frac{\quad}{5}$ $\frac{\quad}{5}$ $\frac{\quad}{4}$.

He loved all creatures, even $\frac{\quad}{2}$ $\frac{\quad}{6}$ $\frac{\quad}{3}$ $\frac{\quad}{8}$.



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