Jesus’ Way of Love

Keep these ideas in mind as you study Unit 5, Session 21.

Saint Benedict of Palermo was born a slave but gained his freedom at the age of 18 and later became a monk. He is the patron saint of African Americans, and his feast day is April 4.

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God gives us the three Theological Virtues: faith, hope, and charity. We can hope because we have faith, and we demonstrate our faith and hope through charity.

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Faith is the ability to believe in God and to give our lives to him.

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Hope helps us trust that if we live according to Jesus’ teachings, we will see God’s kingdom.

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Charity is the virtue we use to show our love for God. The practice of charity, or love, brings the three Theological Virtues together in perfect harmony.

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A person is canonized when he or she is declared a saint of the Church.

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A Doctor of the Church is someone who gives special guidance to Christians seeking a deeper spiritual life.

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At age 14, Thérèse of Lisieux went on a pilgrimage to Rome. She showed her love for God by making small sacrifices every day. Her story is an inspiring reminder that we can all live as members of God’s kingdom.

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