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# 10 FACTS ABOUT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

## ONE

**St. Anthony is known as the patron saint of lost items:**

He is known for his eloquent preaching, love of the poor, and his humility.

## TWO

**St. Anthony's Feast Day is June 13th:**

Each year on June 13th we honor his life and work.

## THREE

**St. Anthony is often called "Saint of Miracles":**

Before and after his death, many miracles have been recorded. His "Sermon to the Fishes" is legendary.

## FOUR

**St. Anthony died when he was only 36:**

He was canonized just one year after his death.

## FIVE

**St. Anthony became friends with St. Francis of Assisi:**

After training as a priest St. Anthony joined the Franciscan Order and came to the attention of St. Francis, the founder of the Franciscan Order.

## SIX

**St. Anthony's relics are enshrined at the Basilica of St. Anthony in Padua, Italy:**

Pilgrims can venerate St. Anthony's incorrupt tongue in a glass reliquary.

## SEVEN

**St. Anthony is a Doctor of the Church:**

St. Anthony is one of more than thirty Saints with this title for his profound contributions that benefit the Church.

## EIGHT

**St. Anthony holds the Christ Jesus:**

St. Anthony is depicted holding Jesus due to a mystical experience where the Christ child appeared to him.

## NINE

**St. Anthony's name was Ferdinand:**

When St. Anthony became a Franciscan, he took the name of Anthony after St. Anthony of Egypt.

## TEN

**St. Anthony entered religious life at age 15:**

Initially St. Anthony lived in an Augustinian monastery. Eight years later he received permission to become a Franciscan.