

The Saints & Sinners Game Rules

This game is suggested for ages 7 and above. (For 3-8 players.)

- You will need writing utensils for each player.
- Game host/ hostess should print out 11 of the Patron Saint Printables, cut them and distribute to each player at the table.
- The first person up is always the youngest at the table. The first person gets to be the SAINT. All the other players are called the SINNERS.
- The SAINT must write something they think adequately suits them while each sinner writes something they think would accurately represent the SAINT.
For example: As the SAINT, I write: I could be the Patron Saint of coffee. The SINNERS might write: mommy bloggers, or armchair theologians, or travelers using GPS systems. They should also remember to mark their own name or initials in the space provided.
- Each person **secretly** writes their answer, folds the paper in half to maintain secrecy and hands it to the SAINT. The SAINT makes sure to read each answer so they decipher each person's handwriting. It is important that they not stutter or stumble while reading the answers to everyone so they don't make it obvious that it is not their answer.
- Once all the SINNERS have handed in their answers, the SAINT shuffles the responses, including his/her own, reads each, beginning with, "I could be the patron saint of...", **careful not to reveal who wrote what**. You may need to read a couple times so the SINNERS can remember all the responses.
- Now the SINNERS get to choose what they think is the correct answer. They need to guess what the SAINT has written about him/herself. **Note: as a game tactic, you can deceitfully select your own answer in order to gain enthusiasm for it**. But, you do **not get a point for picking your own answer** because that would be just plain sinful! Start by going from the right of the SAINT. Once all SINNERS have chosen, the SAINT keeps track of who answered what.
- After all the SINNERS have made their choices, the SAINT reveals his/her real answer.
- My answer was: I could be the patron saint of coffee.
- The SAINT must score everyone's point totals.

SCORING

If you came up with the same answer as the SAINT, you score 2 POINTS

Each time someone picks a SINNER's answer, he/ she gets 1 POINT

If no one guesses the SAINT'S answer, then the SAINT gets 3 POINTS

- Now the person to the right of the SAINT becomes the next SAINT and everyone else becomes the SINNERS. You go around the table until everyone has been the SAINT.
- The one with the most points wins and gets CANONIZED! Congrats!