



## CAN I HELP PEOPLE TODAY?



**#309 WHAT IS CHARITY?** Charity is the power by which we, who have been loved first by God, can give ourselves to God so as to be united with him and can accept our neighbor for God's sake as unconditionally and sincerely as we accept ourselves. Jesus places love above all laws, without however abolishing the latter. Therefore St. Augustine rightly says, "Love, and do what you will." Which is not at all as easy as it sounds. That is why charity, love, is the greatest virtue, the energy that inspires all the other virtues and fills them with divine life

## SAINTS & INSPIRATIONAL STORIES

### FR ANTON SCHWARTZ

Fr Anton was born a poor boy in a small town who thought he would never be able to do anything to change the world. But when he followed what God was asking him to do, he transformed the world around him by helping the working men of Austria grow in their faith and have just working conditions.



### ST MARTIN DE PORRES

St Martin de Porres grew up in poverty, and was a victim of racism many times but he never became discouraged in his efforts to help other people. He is known for his kindness and charity, starting orphanages, hospitals and doing all he could for the poor and needy. He never made any excuses of why he could not help someone.



### GOSPEL



### ANSWERS

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## ANSWER IN YOUR OWN WORDS:

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