



HOW CAN I GET TO KNOW JESUS?



#498 You can pray anywhere but a Catholic will always look for those special places where God dwells in a special way, namely, the **Tabernacle**. It is in the Tabernacle that a Christian recovers his energy, receiving encouragement and enthusiasm in Christ's company. Christ wishes to offer you his friendship at every moment, and wishes to greet you, but he needs you to realize this and walk towards him to encounter him in your heart. Give him your friendship in return.

SAINTS & INSPIRATIONAL STORIES

St. Philomena

Little is known of her life. She was martyred at about age 14 in the early days of the Church. She was said to have died under the reign of Diocletian in 304 AD. Her parents were king and queen of a small Grecian Island. Philomena was around 14, but had already promised herself to be the bride of Christ as a Christian. At this time, Diocletian was pillaging and plundering islands taking them over by force and killing inhabitants. Her family went to ask him not to harm their town and people. When he saw young Philomena, he told her parents that he would not harm the island or the people if they would give her to him to be his wife. They thought this over, and even though they were Christians, they told her it would be the best thing to do. She refused, saying that she was already promised to Christ, and that it was morally wrong. Diocletian had her thrown into a dungeon. There she saw the Blessed Mother, who told her to persevere, and soon she would be with Christ. Diocletian tried to kill her many times yet she would never die. He finally beheaded her. They found her remains in 1802. Philomena became the only person recognized as a Saint solely on the basis of miraculous intercessions as nothing historical was known of her except her name and the evidence of her martyrdom.



GOSPEL



ANSWERS

"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."...But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" After they got into the boat, the wind died down. Those who were in the boat did him homage, saying, "Truly, you are the Son of God."

-Matthew 14: 22-33

ANSWER IN YOUR OWN WORDS: