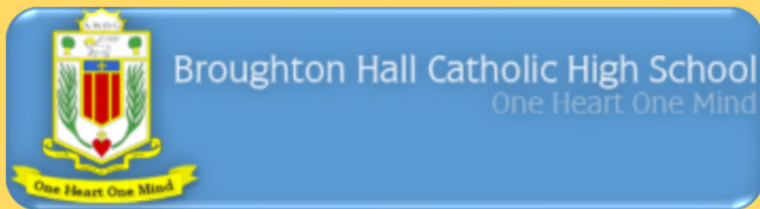


We Begin Our Prayer With The Sign Of The Cross

Leader: Let us remember that we are in the presence of God

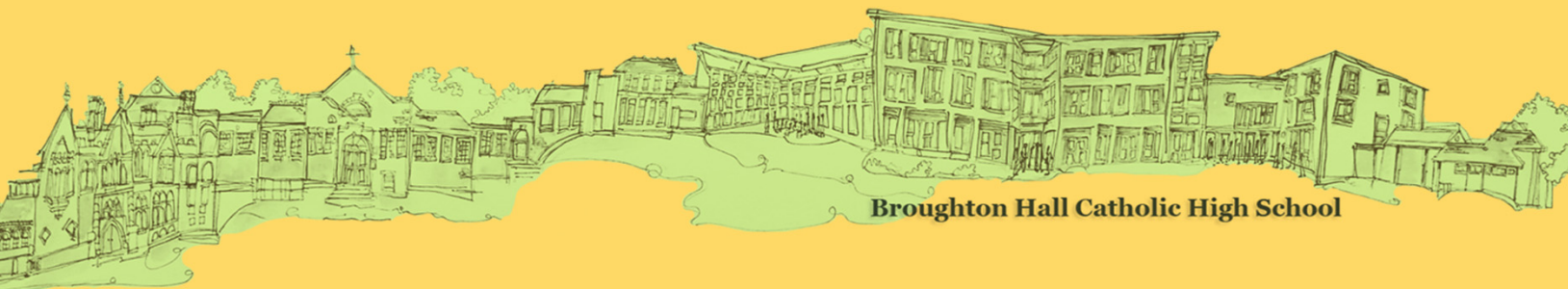
ALL: Let us adore him.



Prayer & Liturgy

St. Francis of Assisi

Wk. Beg. 14th October 2024



Broughton Hall Catholic High School





As we gather

Let us Pray



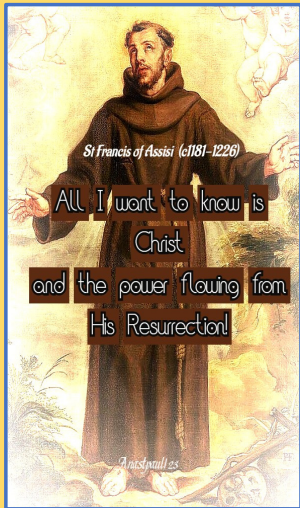
Dear God,

May our hearts be filled with Peace and Love, Each day, help us to learn.
Remind us, 'Mercy is your way', compassion for the world.
You have shown us how to live, one heart, one mind, together.
For Christ, His hands and feet we'll be. Your servants Lord Forever.

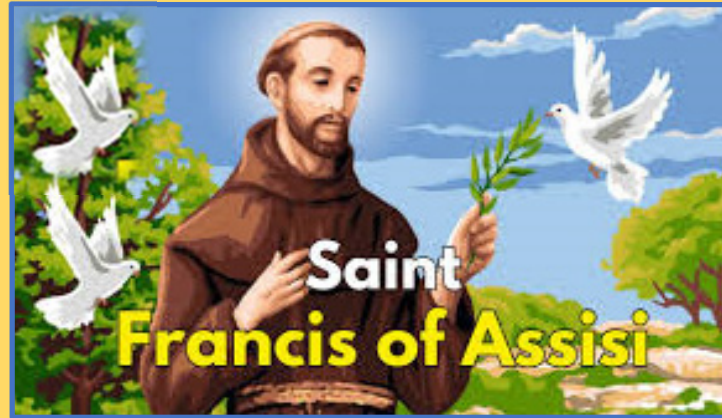
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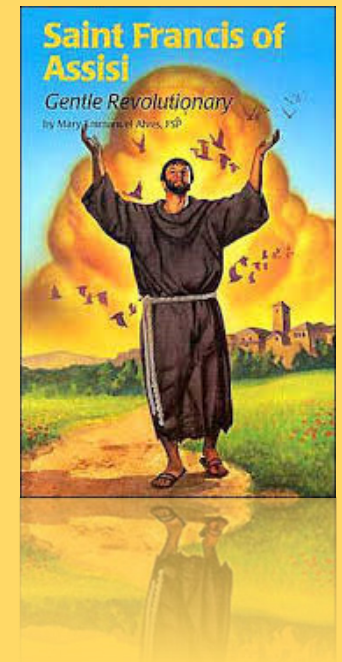
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What did St. Francis say?



Feast Day:
October 4
Canonized: July
16, 1228



This is Chaplain Phil's
favourite book about
St. Francis.



Peace Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of Your
peace;
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, joy.



St. Francis of Assisi

Francis had been born to wealthy parents in Assisi, Italy, in 1181. As a teenager, Francis wanted only money and fun. He loved parties! But in 1202, when he was 21, Francis went to war and spent a year in prison. There, he had time to think and pray.



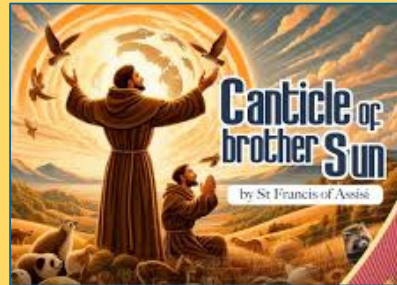
In prison, Francis realized that money had not bought him happiness. But later, Francis went back to his old ways. Then he met a leper. Pus oozed from the leper's sores. People turned away from him, but Francis walked right up and hugged him. He had seen God's beauty in another human being. For Francis, life changed then and there.



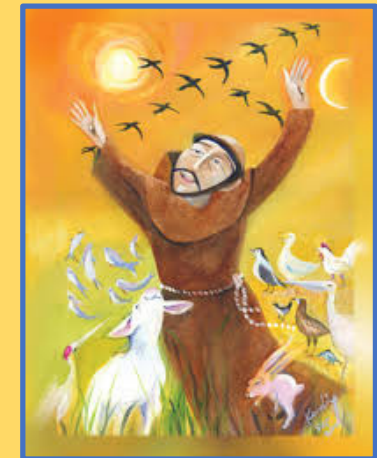
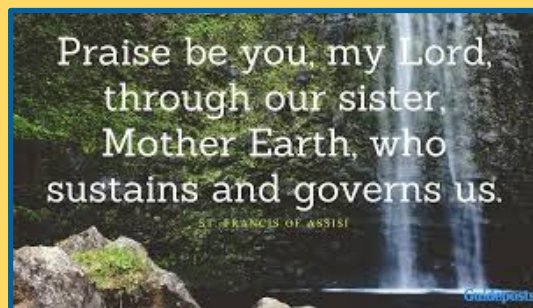
In the years that followed, Francis gave away all his money. He preached and begged barefoot on the streets. A group of followers gathered around him, and he wrote a rule of life for them. They became the first Franciscans. He then founded the Order of Poor Clare's, a religious order for women. He travelled to Spain and to Egypt to try to convert people there.



St. Francis of Assisi



Francis asked his followers to praise God for the beauty of all creation. Everywhere he looked, Francis found God's love. And so he called the earth his mother; the sun, his brother; the moon, his sister. They showed him God's beauty. With all creatures of the earth, Francis shouted, "Praised be my Lord!"

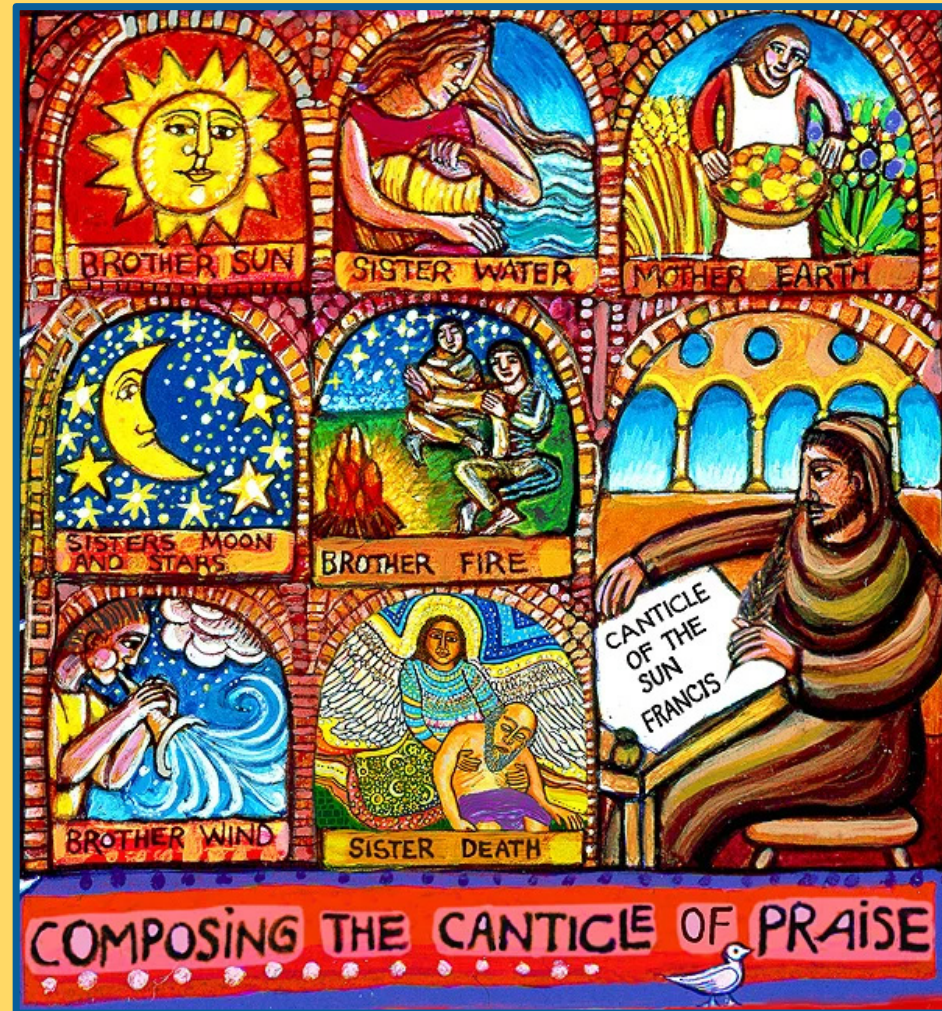




St. Francis of Assisi



When St. Francis died at age 44 in 1226, people praised God for the beauty of Francis of Assisi. In 1228 he was proclaimed a saint.





St. Francis of Assisi



When we see a manger scene at Christmas, it is said that we should thank St. Francis for this. Around the year 1220 he created a scene using real animals so that the local people could recall Jesus' humble birth in a more realistic way.



St Francis is patron saint of: The environment, animals, and birds because of the respect he gave to all God's creatures.



St. Francis of Assisi



What can we learn from St. Francis?

How can we make use of his inspirational ideals about the Environment?

Discuss as a form and record your ideas on the mind cloud provided

Environment

To protect and love our One Earth



Sister Catherine McAuley's Intercessions

May the God of Mercy bless and protect us all
All: Amen

May the God of Peace comfort us in times of trial
All: Amen

May the God of Love shine forth in our lives
All: Amen



We finish our prayer with the sign of the cross

