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## Invoke saints' help for everyday situations by knowing whom to ask

HUNTINGTON, Indiana, November 9, 2011 – Most people don't realize that there's saintly assistance for practically every earthly profession, problem, species, geographic area or ailment. Who would guess there's heavenly help for the internet, broadcasters, Alzheimer's disease, students taking tests, highway construction crews – even for specific animals, sports, weather disasters, and levels of the military?

Tradition has taught the faithful, for example, to petition St. Blaise for protection against a sore throat, but there are lesser-known saints to invoke for protection from snake bites, lightning strikes, or seemingly impossible situations.

Thomas J. Craughwell's new book, **Patron Saints: Saints for Every Member of Your Family, Every Profession, Every Ailment, Every Emergency, and Even Every Amusement** (Our Sunday Visitor, 2011) introduces hundreds of supernatural helpers for just about everything life presents, and acquaints the faithful with the help that is there for the asking. **Patron Saints** shows there are saints for everything: lost causes and lost objects, headaches and stomachaches, irritating in-laws and disappointing children, successful apprenticeships and successful business. And new "patrons" are added all the time – like a patron saint for cell phones to be announced any day now.

Each book-entry explains why the saint is patron of a specialty, includes a summary of the saint's life, and highlights unusual or little-known facts about him or her. The book also includes an index for easy reference.

### About the Author

Thomas J. Craughwell has written more than 20 books on religion, history, and popular culture, including **Saints Behaving Badly**, **Stealing Lincoln's Body**, and **How the Barbarian Invasions Shaped the Modern World**. He writes a monthly column about patron saints for Catholic diocesan newspapers, and he has written about saints for *The Wall Street Journal*, *The American Spectator*, *Columbia*, *St. Anthony Messenger*, *Catholic Digest*, and many other publications. Tom has also appeared as a guest on EWTN, CNN, Fox, and the History Channel.

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