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Peter Claver, Patron Saint Of Slaves/Pedro Claver, Santo Patrono De Los Esclavos



Synopsis

A picture-book biography of St. Pedro Claver (d. 1654), a Spanish Jesuit missionary to the New World, who is the patron saint of slaves.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

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In the seventeenth century, a young Jesuit traveled from Spain to Cartagena, Colombia, and there saw slavery for the first time. He was so shocked he immediately took a vow to be the "slave of slaves forever" and spent the rest of his life caring for them. With simple, graceful language and beautifully expressive art, his story is told here in a way even young children can understand. Praise for the book-- Pedro Claver was one of the first people in history to dedicate his life to the defense of human rights. Julia Durango has written a brief but very beautiful account of his life. -- Tulio Aristizabal, S.J., Director of the San Pedro Claver Sanctuary, Cartagena, Colombia This little book for children will without a doubt be an excellent resource as we rekindle an interest among Catholics

of African descent about those early Catholics who played important roles in living the gospel message. This story should be one shared in our homes, in our Catholic schools, and among our religious educators. -- Dr. Hilbert Stanley, Executive Director, National Black Catholic Congress

"Peter Claver, Patron Saint of Slaves" is a story of both valor and adventure in the New World.... Treat yourself and those you love to the story of the 'slave of slaves,' and be freed by the example of his love, valor, and compassion. -- Claudio M. Burgaleta, S.J., Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Theology, Fordham University

I read Peter Claver, Patron Saint of Slaves, to my three grandchildren, and they were delighted with the tender story line but especially with the vivid and colorful illustrations by Garcia-Franco. I heartily recommend the book to others. It focuses on human compassion. It is a wonderful book for children and expresses the story in both English and Spanish. Anyone of any religious persuasion would find the book beneficial for teaching children kindness to others.

This is a wonderful story of a man who made a difference in many slaves' lives. The side by side English/Spanish text is beautifully written, and stays nondenominational, even though it is the story of the patron saint of slaves. The illustrations are also lovely, and both the text and pictures hold the attention of my antsy son. One of his favorite books, it is a deeply moving spiritual story that I recommend to all.

This is a terrific example of a spiritual book for kids. The poetic text rivals that of the secular classics, and the pictures are rich, textured, and deeply moving. Yet there's no overt message, no preaching, no denominational stand. It's just a wonderful book -- period.

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