

Saints: Holy & Human

Directions: After reading the article “*Saints: Holy & Human*” by Fr. Michael Guinan please answer the following questions using complete sentences. Your answers should be your own thoughts based upon the information presented in the article. Be sure to use examples when appropriate. (4 points each)

1) According to the introductory paragraphs on the first page of the article, what does the author say are the characteristics of a saint?

2) Using information from the section “King David: saint and sinner,” explain how the portrayal of King David in the Scriptures changed over time so that he went from a very human character to someone who was sinless and near perfection.

3) Using information from the section “Jesus, model of saints,” explain how the description of Jesus in the Gospels changed over time.

4) Using information from the section “Christian Saints,” give some examples of how the saints presented (Peter, Paul, Augustine, Jerome, Bernard, and William) were very human.

5) Using information in the section “What is a saint?” on the last page, explain how can saints be better examples for us when we remember their **humanness**.

6) Choose one of the “Six Saints for the New Millennium” and tell why you think they are holy and why they would be a good role model for people living in the Third Millennium.

Extra Credit: Explain why you think people tend to “put saints up on pedestals” and make them almost superhuman?
