

# Saint of the Week

## for February 24

This week's saint was born into a wealthy family in Philadelphia. Even though she traveled the world and loved to read, her father and step mother regularly welcomed the poor into their home.

After taking care of her step mother for 3 years before she died, our saint realized that all the money in the world can't stop death.

Through her reading, she developed a deep interest and love for Native and African Americans. At age 30, since she was not able to find a group of sisters that matched her interests, she traveled overseas and approached Pope Leo XIII to provide missionaries in Wyoming. He responded "Why don't you become a missionary?" And so she did!

She founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament and after 3.5 years of training (which included visits with Dakota and Sioux Indian leaders), they opened boarding schools for Indians and Colored. By 1942, they had schools for black children in 13 states, 40 mission centers and 23 rural schools.

She founded the first Catholic University for African Americans in the United States called Xavier University in New Orleans.

She died at age 96 in 1955 and was canonized in 2000.



Who Am I?

Feast Day: March 3