

Dear Friends,

You ask me who the Saints are. Here is my answer as read in the Book of Revelation. The Saints are those who survived the great distresses, the trials and tribulations, the persecutions of this life. And they did so, having been washed in the ***Blood of the Lamb***. In other words they were warriors whose weapon was principally speaking, the ***Holy Eucharist*** and deep immersion into the ***Paschal Mystery***.

In this world the Saints were mystically bathed in the light of the Resurrection, even as they ***ate the dry dirt of the desert*** and endured the ***dark night of the soul***. Their lives were spent solely for the love of God and their prayer was the Gethsemane prayer of Jesus, "Let this cup pass me by, but not my will rather your will be done."

To suggest that the Saints were merely people who ***loved*** is to fail in distinguishing them from the multitude of other good and loving people. Saints are those who died to themselves giving witness that it was ***no longer they who lived but Christ Jesus who lived in them***.

In the Holy Mother of God,
Fr. Anthony