

Sister's Spin

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Today the Church celebrates one of her greatest writers--St. Luke, the author of the 3rd Gospel and the Act of the Apostles. Paul calls him his beloved physician, but he was also a faithful friend who stayed with Paul while he was imprisoned in Rome. The recent movie, **Paul, Apostle of Christ, (2018)** is a beautiful portrayal of this friendship. Luke's gospel has many themes. He is the only one who really focuses on Jesus' relationship with women and he also focuses on the mercy of God through the parables and stories Jesus told. Some of those in Luke are not found in the other Gospels. His Gospel was written for the Gentile converts and also reminds us of God's love for the poor as well as the poor in spirit.

Tomorrow is the feast of the North American Martyrs--those Jesuits and lay people who came to this continent to teach about the love of God. This feast is celebrated in Canada also, but on Sept. 26, because some of these martyrs were killed in Canada and some in the area now in upper New York State. Perhaps a prayer to these North American Martyrs for blessing on the Native Americans in our country today may make up for some of the injustices forced on them in our past history.

Enjoy the weekend!

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