Sister's Spin

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When you are at a trivia game party, and the answer comes up--St. John Lateran--the question is "What is the most important Catholic Church for all Catholics?" This is the Church whose feast we celebrate this day. It is the first Catholic Church built in Rome by Constantine who gave the land on which it was built. It is named for the Lateran Family who gave the land to Constantine and it is also named for both John the Baptist and John the Evangelist. This is the Pope's Church--**NOT** St. Peter's, as many tend to think. Why celebrate a church? Because this church and every Catholic Church reminds us that we are living temples of God. The Church is not just the buildings all around the world. These can easily be destroyed as we saw with the fire at Notre Dame in Paris. The Church is the people of God--we, living stones--that spread the Good News of salvation. **We** proclaim the Good News by our actions as well as our words so it is a day to celebrate!

(Alex Trebek--may you enjoy eternal rest --we will miss you!)

-Sister Marcianne