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LIFE WITH CHRIST IS A WONDERFUL ADVENTURE!-POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II



St. Anthony of Padua originally joined the Augustinian order and became a monk. At different periods in his life, he encountered Franciscan friars who left an impression on him. Seeing how these friars lived out their lives led Anthony to join the Franciscan order. Instead of a life of study as an Augustinian, Anthony lived a hard, simple life cooking and chopping wood along with many other ordinary tasks. His fellow community members thought of him as a very simple man until they needed someone to preach a sermon. Some laughed that Anthony was chosen, but all were spellbound by his preaching and inspired by his words. They never figured on his past learning, intelligence and the help of the Holy Spirit.

St. Anthony is a good model of humility because he was happy to live a life of service to God in the order St. Francis founded. He was willing to contribute in any way the order wanted. Even though he was a scholar well versed in the writings of St. Augustine and the Holy Bible, he was willing to do ordinary every day work. When the order discovered his gift of preaching, Anthony humbly obeyed and went out preaching. He did not boast about his abilities or complain when he did ordinary work because he knew that using his talents and completing the most menial of tasks was a way of showing his love for God. We are truly humble when, in the first place, we always see ourselves as servants of God as St. Anthony did. God gives us our talents and abilities. Sometimes others-teachers, parents, friends- discover talents we never knew we had. We thank God for all that He gives us and ask Him to help us use them to the best of our ability.

St. Anthony is the patron saint of lost things and his feast day is June 13th. St. Anthony of Padua, pray for us!



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