

ST. BAKHITA OF SUDAN

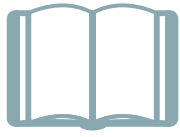
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ASK YOUR PARENTS ABOUT YOUR NAME. HOW DID THEY CHOOSE IT? DOES IT HAVE ANY SPECIAL MEANING? WERE YOU NAMED AFTER SOMEONE?

THE SLAVE TRADERS WERE MOCKING ST. JOSEPHINE BY NAMING HER BAKHITA MEANING "LUCKY ONE", BUT HOW DID THE MEANING OF HER NAME END UP BEING TRUE?

ST. JOSEPHINE HAD EVERY RIGHT TO BE RESENTFUL AND ANGRY. YET, TIME AND TIME AGAIN SHE CHOSE TO FIND GOOD OR BEAUTIFUL THINGS, EVEN IN THE MIDST OF SUCH TERRIBLE EVIL & SUFFERING.

CAN YOU MAKE A LIST OF ALL THE THINGS YOU HAVE TO BE GRATEFUL FOR TODAY?



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ST. JOSEPHINE WAS GLAD TO BE OUT OF THE HOUSE OF THE GENERAL AND AWAY FROM HIS CRUELTY. SHE DESCRIBED THE ITALIAN VICE CONSUL & HIS WIFE AS KIND. TODAY, WE LOOK AT THEIR PARTICIPATION IN BUYING & SELLING HUMAN BEINGS AS THE VERY SERIOUS EVIL THAT IT IS.

IT IS POSSIBLE FOR PEOPLE TO MAKE BOTH TERRIBLE & WONDERFUL CHOICES IN THEIR LIFE, BUT THE GOAL OF EVERY CHRISTIAN IS TO STOP MAKING BAD CHOICES AND CHOOSE THE RIGHT THING, EVERY TIME, NO MATTER HOW HARD IT IS.

WHAT IS A CHOICE YOU HAVE BEEN MAKING THAT YOU KNOW IN YOUR HEART YOU SHOULD CHANGE? ASK JESUS FOR THE GRACE TO HELP YOU!

WHAT IS A CHOICE YOU ARE PROUD OF YOURSELF FOR MAKING?

ST. JOSEPHINE SUMMED UP THE FAITH IN THESE WORDS: "BE GOOD. LOVE THE LORD. PRAY FOR THE UNHAPPY SOULS WHO DO NOT KNOW HIM YET. WHAT A GRACE IT IS TO KNOW GOD!"

IF YOU HAD TO SUM UP WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A CATHOLIC-CHRISTIAN, WHAT WOULD YOU SAY TO A GROUP OF PEOPLE?