

## Bite-Size Catholic Living II

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### Life Style: Clothe the Naked

Jesus taught us, *"For I was...naked and you clothed me..."* A good example of this teaching is found in the life of Saint Martin of Tours. He was a Roman soldier who lived in the 4<sup>th</sup> century. He is best known for using his military sword to cut his cloak in two so as to give half to a beggar clad only in rags in the depth of winter. **To live a Christian life means to clothe the naked.**

- Whenever we move between seasons it is a good time to go through the family clothes closets. What have we not worn in a long time? How many different...sweaters, shirts etc. can a person wear? What can be shared with someone who does not have the basics for the coming season?
- Check out **The Family Services Association**, 277 Chestnut Street, Oneonta, NY 13820; 432.2870. Their website is: [www.fsaoneontany.org](http://www.fsaoneontany.org). Take your children with you when you leave clothes off. Tell them that Jesus taught us to clothe the naked and that there are people who cannot afford new or warm clothes.
- *Clothing* a person can also mean more than garments, it can mean clothing a person with dignity. Take opportunities to show your children and talk about how a Christian is to treat every person with equal dignity through mutual respect, kindness and care.

### Prayer

- Choose ONE of the following bible verses and pray when you dress for the day and when you help dress your children. In a short time you and your children will have it memorized and it will become a daily part of you.

*"Because you are God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,*

*clothe yourselves with heartfelt compassion,, kindness, humility and patience."* Colossians 3: 12

OR

*"Thank you God for shoes and socks, for the clothes that keep me warm."*

### Belief

- Read with your children how God made clothes for Adam and Eve even after they sinned and turned away from God. Clothing another person shows our love for them even when they may not love us.

*The biblical passage is found on the reverse side.*

- Learn with your children about Saint Martin of Tours.

*3 brief YouTube presentations are found on the next pages.*

### **Expulsion from Eden** [Genesis chapter 3, verses 1-24]

Now the snake was the most sneaky of all the wild animals that the LORD God had made. He asked the woman, *“Did God really say, ‘You shall not eat from any of the trees in the garden?’”* The woman answered the snake: *“We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; it is only about the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden that God said, ‘You shall not eat it or even touch it, or else you will die.’”* But the snake said to the woman: *“You certainly will not die! God knows well that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, who know good and evil.”*

The woman saw that the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eyes, and the tree was desirable for gaining wisdom. So she took some of its fruit and ate it; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

When they heard the sound of the LORD God walking about in the garden at the breezy time of the day, the man and his wife hid themselves from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. The LORD God then called to the man and asked him: *Where are you?* He answered, *“I heard you in the garden; but I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid.”* Then God asked: *Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I had forbidden you to eat?* The man replied, *“The woman whom you put here with me—she gave me fruit from the tree, so I ate it.”* The LORD God then asked the woman: *What is this you have done?* The woman answered, *“The snake tricked me, so I ate it.”*

Then the LORD God said to the snake: *Because you have done this, cursed are you among all the animals; on your belly you shall crawl, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.*

To the woman God said: *I will intensify your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children.*

To the man God said: *Because you ate from the tree, cursed is the ground because of you! In toil you shall eat its yield all the days of your life. By the sweat of your brow you shall eat bread, until you return to the ground, from which you were taken; For you are dust, and to dust you shall return.*

The man gave his wife the name “Eve,” because she was the mother of all the living. **The LORD God made for the man and his wife garments of skin, with which he clothed them.** The LORD God therefore sent them out from the garden of Eden.

**A Reflection Question:** What does this act of God, clothing Adam and Eve, tells us about God?

## YouTubes on Martin of Tours

**Catholic Online** [3 minute video and brief article]

<https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint-id>

**Pope Benedict on Saint Martin of Tours** [3 minute video]

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qg9ip4aXGMw&list=PL5\\_ax08Z6UX97f3lXVRc-XWMaUsObDaD8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qg9ip4aXGMw&list=PL5_ax08Z6UX97f3lXVRc-XWMaUsObDaD8)

**LEGO version for Saint Martin's Life** [1.5 minute video]

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-nKvZOj6mNo>



Saint Martin of Tours, c. 316 – 397 – Feast Day, November 11.

Painting from the Cathedral of Tours, France.