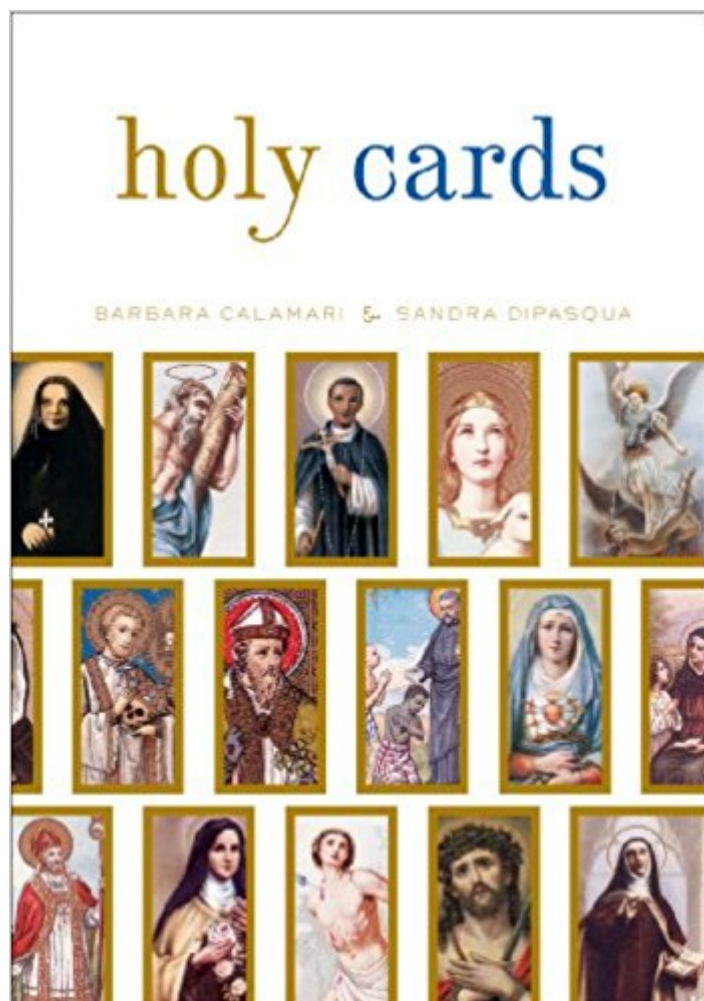


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# Holy Cards



## Synopsis

Holy cards offer comfort, consolation, and encouragement to Catholics, who often carry these portable images with them and use them in daily religious rituals. Given as remembrances at wakes and funerals, Communion, and confirmations, holy cards are also a widely popular and highly collectible form of folk art. This handsome volume is both a richly illustrated survey of this devotional art and a gallery of saints organized thematically along with brief biographies, attributes, and powers. Prophets and angels, disciples and evangelists, martyrs and hermits, visionaries and mystics are among the religious figures in Catholicism represented here in exquisite depictions that are at times dramatic and disturbing, at times moving and comforting. This book explains the often enigmatic symbolism in these cards in a beautiful package that makes an ideal gift for first Communion, confirmation, or graduation.

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for my husband. Not what I expected. The description of this book I found to be somewhat lacking...misleading. The colors are beautiful, but I was hoping these actual "cards" could be used as bookmarks or to be carried on him. Also, unfortunately, the print is too small for him so he's not

reading. I learned the hard way...but learned non-the-less. I would caution those that may be considering.

This is a must-have book for any person who has ever had a holy card or who has ever wondered why saints are depicted in certain circumstances. One doesn't have to read pages and pages about one saint.....this book has a short, concise explanation of the saint. The unusualness involves the beautiful color pictures and the explanation of the symbols shown on the card. Every page has a picture that takes up 3/4's of the page. This book would be a wonderful addition to your library, as a gift for any young person; it could be a source of inspiration, knowledge and joy for men, women and children. I highly recommend you buy a copy. Also, it has the most beautiful cover jacket I have ever seen....by itself it could be framed and enjoyed. The gold flashed border around the saints pictured on the cover is a hint of the beauty within.

This book is beautiful! Inspiring and well written with attention to detail. Great collectors item too! I'd recommend it to folks who are looking to learn more about the Saints and those who appreciate artistic work.

The pictures are just beautiful. I think that anyone who is interested in holy cards or religious art would really like this book.

Very helpful for my project. I really like the fact there are some unknown to me.

THIS IS MY KIND OF BOOK !!!!!!!!!!! I love it. With fingerd crossed for a second book. I love to collect holy cards so this right up my alley... LOVE IT....A+

I'm giving this book to my mom for Mother's Day. I looked through it when it arrived, and it's beautiful! I'm sure she'll love it!

Not read yet, so canoot comment on the subject matter, but it looks as per the advertisment

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