

BOOK CLUB QUESTIONS FOR *SOMEHOW SAINTS* 7/22/22

1. The theme of light — lighting your lamp—not hiding your light under a bushel basket, etc. runs throughout the book. What does “your light” actually mean to you?
2. The author defines “somehow saints” as people living normal everyday lives but who in some way are heroically good. Do you think you know anyone who’d fit this category?
3. In the chapter on Katherine Drexel, the author muses while kneeling at her tomb how often Jesus said, “Be not afraid”—yet it seems like everyone else says just the opposite. How can we adopt Jesus’ advice in today’s circumstances?
4. In the chapter on St. Anne— she’s the grandmother, the wise one, the symbol of stability. Does it matter to you that there are so few facts attached to her vast devotion?
5. In the chapter on St. Kateri—patron saint of physical healings, and the environment. Why is it helpful to adopt patron saints of —anything? How does that help?
6. In the chapter on Venerable Pierre Toussiant—he’s an incredible example of over-powering love. The magnetism and love he brought through a doorway with him disarmed negativity and barriers. He was very successful at winning hearts. What qualities would one have to have to be able to do that?
7. In the chapter on St. Bakhita—her story offers so many lessons to us.
  - a) There’s always someone who has it worse off than you.
  - b) The importance of finding a source of strength in your life.
  - c) You never know what might happen next in one’s own life.
  - d) How one’s little actions add up to a powerful influence over time.Please comment on your thoughts on these lessons as illustrated in her life.

8. In the chapter on Mary Virginia Merrick—she’s a great example of how something can start as small as a single needle, as small as a single Christmas gift and then grown to a national organization. IF one were to dedicate oneself is there a small thing you enjoy doing, now use your playful imagination, that you wish could grow into a big force for good?
9. The author is headed to 70 years old. What do you think about her quest, her search for purpose? What obstacles do older women face? (Possible anxiety, health, weakness) Can these be aided by prayer?
10. Finally, what do you think , over all, the author is trying to say with this book?

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