

Answers to Requirements

- 1) Toussaint was born June 27, 1766 in Haiti. He and his family were enslaved.
<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/venerable-pierre-toussaint>
- 2) In 1787 there was a rebellion in Haiti and his enslaver moved to New York to avoid the danger. Pierre Toussaint and his sister were taken with them.
<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/venerable-pierre-toussaint>
- 3) Toussaint began as an apprentice hairdresser.
<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/venerable-pierre-toussaint>
- 4) Toussaint is called the father of Catholic Charities in New York, and helped open the first Catholic Orphanage and the first school for black children in the city.
<https://archny.org/ministries-and-offices/cultural-diversity-apostolate/black-ministry/venerable-pierre-toussaint/>
- 5) Toussaint supported St. Elizabeth Ann Seton through financial contributions to the orphanage she founded.
<https://www.nationalshrine.org/blog/a-hairdresser-for-christ-the-extraordinary-life-of-pierre-toussaint/>
- 6) Pierre Toussaint was declared Venerable by Pope John Paul II on December 17, 1996. <http://saintsresource.com/pierre-toussainttoussaint/>

Visit www.nccs-bsa.org for information on how to order patches for any of our religious activities.

Frequently Asked Questions

May only Catholics or Scouts earn this? Who may earn this activity patch?

Any youth or adult may earn any of the activity patches. The requirements are grade-specific.

Is this activity considered a Religious Emblem and may a Scout receive a religious knot after completing this activity?

No. This activity is considered a Religious Activity, not a Religious Emblem program. Scouts may not receive a religious knot for earning this activity patch.

Will there be more Saint Activity Patches?

Yes. There may be additional Saint patches released, from time to time.

Who may serve as an adult mentor for this activity?

Any parent or adult who meets the standard BSA and diocesan safe environment requirements.

Is there any time requirement?

Only that the grade-specific requirements need to be completed while in the respective grade level.

Do the answers need to be submitted?

No. The answers should be reviewed by an adult. The Order Form and patch fee are the only things that need to be submitted.

Whom do I check with once I complete the requirements for my grade level?

Any knowledgeable parent, Scout leader, group leader, priest, religious or catechist.

American Saint Series



**Venerable Pierre Toussaint
Activity Patch**



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American Saint Series Activities

The American Saint Series honors men and women who led heroic lives of faith that have greatly influenced American Catholics. Their words, their deeds, and their devotion to prayer and the sacraments, inspire all American Catholics. Some of these men and women are canonized as “Saints” and are venerated by the Universal Church. Some are beatified as “Blessed” and are venerated by the Local Church. Some are honored as “Venerable” and, while on the way to becoming a “Saint”, may be venerated by Catholics. Most of these men and women lived and worked in North America in what is now the United States. Some others never set foot in America, however they had a huge impact on the Catholic American landscape. All of them sought to follow Jesus.

Requirements for Venerable Pierre Toussaint Activity Patch

All – Read about Venerable Pierre Toussaint. You can find the answers to these questions on <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/venerable-pierre-toussaint>, <https://archny.org/ministries-and-offices/cultural-diversity-apostolate/black-ministry/venerable-pierre-toussaint/>, <https://www.nationalshrine.org/blog/a-hairdresser-for-christ-the-extraordinary-life-of-pierre-toussaint/>. Feel free to use other resources.

1st thru 5th Grades - Complete 5 requirements and 2 activities.

6th thru 12th Grades - Complete 6 requirements and 3 activities.

Requirements:

- 1) When and where was Pierre Toussaint born?
- 2) What prompted Pierre Toussaint to move to New York?
- 3) What profession did Pierre Toussaint begin in New York?
- 4) Pierre Toussaint helped establish something important in New York City – what was it?
- 5) Pierre Toussaint helped another American Saint by providing much support to this institution. Who and what did he support?
- 6) When was Pierre Toussaint declared Venerable? Who declared him Venerable?

Activities:

- 1) Pierre Toussaint was very compassionate to the poor. Identify a homeless shelter in your area and donate either your time, talent, or treasure.
- 2) Pierre Toussaint also cared very much for the sick. Write a letter of prayer support to someone in a hospital or health care facility.
- 3) Pierre Toussaint understood the importance of education, especially for the Black Americans in New York. Talk to your parents or counselor about your education, and why education is so important.
- 4) Pierre Toussaint attended Mass daily throughout his life. With your parents or counselor, attend daily Mass (not the Sunday liturgy). Notice the other participants at Mass and discuss the impact of daily Mass with your parents/ counselor.

Requirements for Adults:

- 1) Assist the youth with this American Saint Activity.
- 2) Share your thoughts with the youth about this American Saint.
- 3) Review the responses to the requirements of each youth participant to confirm their accuracy and to ensure his/her understanding.
- 4) Complete the order form for this American Saint Activity and submit it with payment for the patch to NCCS.

For more information about Venerable Pierre Toussaint, check out the websites below.

- www.catholic.org
- <http://www.saintsresource.com/>
- <http://www.americancatholic.org/>