

## Wisdom of St. Jerome

“Be at peace with your own soul, then heaven and earth will be at peace with you.”

“Good, better, best. Never let it rest ‘til your good is better and your better, best.”

“Be ever engaged, so that whenever the devil calls he may find you already occupied.”

“Beauty, when unadorned, is adorned the most.”

“A friend is long sought, hardly found, and with difficulty kept.”

“Love is not to be purchased, and affection has no price.”

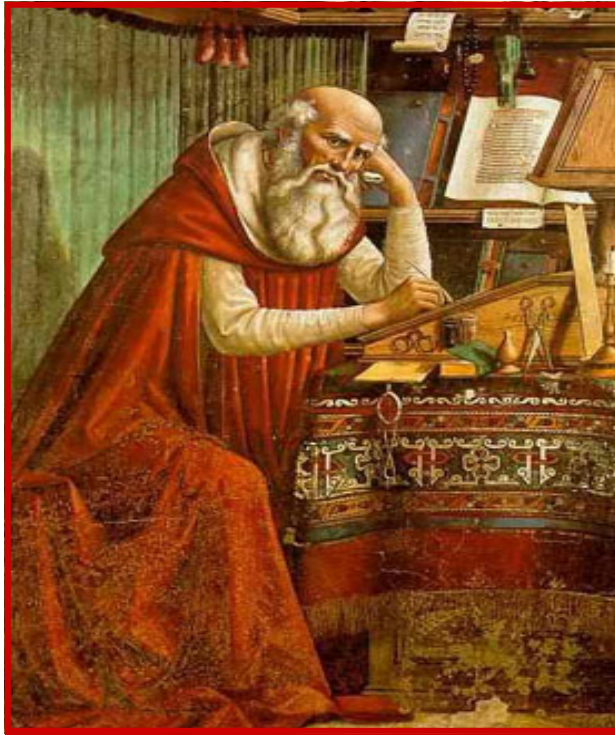
“The face is the mirror of the mind, and the eyes, without speaking, confess the secrets of the heart.”

“True friendship ought never to conceal what it thinks.”

“The scars of others should teach us caution.”



Source of quotations: [www.brainyquote.com](http://www.brainyquote.com)



“Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ.”



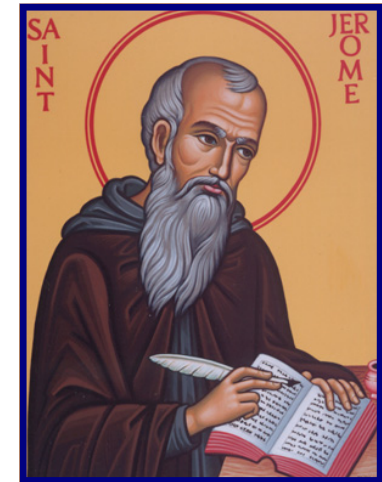
Rev. Msgr. Richard M. Figliozzi  
Secretariat for the New Evangelization  
P.O. Box 9023  
Rockville Centre, NY 11571  
Tel: (516) 678-5800 x309  
Fax: (516) 594-0064  
email: [rfigliozzi@drc.org](mailto:rfigliozzi@drc.org)

**Evangelization and the Lives of the Saints**

**St. Jerome**  
Volume I, Issue 1

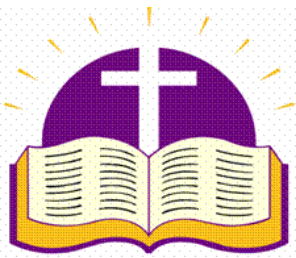
# Evangelization and the Lives of the Saints

## St. Jerome



*September 30*

**Office of New Evangelization**  
P.O. Box 9023  
Rockville Centre, NY 11571  
Tel: (516) 678-5800 x309  
Fax: (516) 594-0064  
E-mail: [rfigliozzi@drc.org](mailto:rfigliozzi@drc.org)



The saints are special gifts! They literally bring the power and teachings of Jesus to life! They are people just like us. They have strengths and weaknesses; they know tragedy and triumph; they experienced both sin and salvation. They were brought to their knees by their vices and gave thanks on their knees for the graces to live lives of heroic virtue! And there are countless numbers of them — many on the Church calendar and many more known alone to God.

To think of their lives is to be inspired. To know more and more about them is a grace. This series of monthly pamphlets is meant to help us weave the wisdom of these people into our daily lives. They want to bring us through what every human being experiences to the deepest love of God possible and eventual union with Him!

Saint Jerome was born around the year 340 A.D. He went to Rome from his home in Dalmatia and was baptized in the year 360. He developed an interest in living the monastic life. He translated the Holy Scriptures from Greek into Latin. His austere life style, combined with a certain impatience in his personality, made him a

notable figure! Yet, he battled to remain a faithful follower of Jesus and wished to lead others to know more and more about Jesus. His deep love of Sacred Scripture caused him to say: “Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ”. These few words reveal both his temperament and his passion in life. He died at Bethlehem in the year 420.

There are several ways in which you can celebrate the Feast of St. Jerome on September 30th. Among these are:

- Have a blessing of Scriptures at Mass. Ask parishioners to bring in their family Bibles to be blessed at a particular Mass. Have a bookmark to hand out to everyone with a picture of St. Jerome and the scripture verse: “All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for refutation, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that one who belongs to God may be competent, equipped for every good work.” (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- Use the month of September to begin a study of the Bible. Offer catechesis on a general overview of the Old and New Testaments, or specifically on one or two of the books of each.
- St. Jerome was known as a staunch defender of the faith. Teach apologetics in a palatable manner by holding a video night highlighting films which promote Catholic doctrine such as, “*The Da Vinci Hoax*” or “*False Doctrine and the New Age*”, both by Father Mitch Pacwa, S.J. Scott Hahn is an-

other valuable resource for these types of talks.

- Because he was a monk and recluse, St. Jerome yearned for perfect solitude and spent four years alone in the desert of Chalcis. Offer a retreat day or weekend this month with a time for silence and then Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
- Challenge the children at Family Mass to memorize at least one verse of Scripture during the month of September. Call them up to recite what they have learned during the homily.

Bringing the lives of the saints to the forefronts of our minds gives us strong direction and hope for our own lives. By using simple suggestions such as the above, we can once again help these faithful men and women to “live” and to help us live lives of holiness.

*Father, you gave St. Jerome  
delight in his study of  
Holy Scripture.*

*May your people find in your word  
the food of salvation and  
the fountain of life. Amen.*