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# Seasoning the Seasons™

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Feast of Saint Catherine of Siena

## Saint Catherine of Siena: April 29

### Activities to Celebrate the Feast of Saint Catherine of Siena

*Choose one or more of the activities below to celebrate the Feast of Saint Catherine of Siena.*

1. Saint Catherine of Siena wrote many letters, giving advice and counsel to others, including royalty and popes. She was a counselor to both Pope Gregory XI and Pope Urban VI. Our current Pope is Pope Benedict XVI. Write a letter to Pope Benedict including one problem you think exists in the Church today, and providing him advice on how to deal with this problem.
2. Saint Catherine of Siena lived a very Christian life. List either the Beatitudes or the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy and give examples of how Catherine lived these out in her own life.
3. Do research on the Great Western Schism, and write an essay on this period of the Church's history and Saint Catherine's role in this.
4. Do research on the Avignon Papacy, and write an essay on this period of the Church's history and Saint Catherine's role in this.
5. If Catherine of Siena were living today, what do you think would be of most concern to her? Who do you think she would give advice to, and why?
6. What is a "Doctor of the Church"? Which three women have been given this title? Why do you think they were given this title? Which men have been given this title?