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On _____ we celebrate the Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena. Catherine, or Caterina, was born in the city of Siena in the country of _____ in the year _____. She was one of 25 children, 24 of whom lived. Her father was a cloth dyer named Giacomo di _____, and her mother, Lapa Piagenti, was the daughter of a local _____.

Catherine did not want to get married, and even cut off her hair to prove this! Her father finally accepted his daughter's wishes when he saw a _____ rest on her shoulder. He believed this was a sign of the Holy Spirit.

As a teenager, Catherine joined the _____ Tertiaries. She wore their habit, a black cloak over a long white garment. In art, she is almost always pictured in this habit.

Originally, Catherine stayed in her room and prayed. But then she had a spiritual experience in which Jesus told her to serve him in the world. She began taking care of the poor and the _____.

Catherine wrote many letters, giving advice to a wide range of people, including royalty and popes. She served as a counselor to _____, and convinced him to move the papacy from _____ back to Rome. She also served as a counselor to _____ during the Great _____, letting others know she supported him as the true pope.

Catherine of Siena died at the age of _____ in the year _____ in the city of _____, and was canonized a saint in the year _____. In 1970, Catherine was given the title, _____ of the Church.

Saint Catherine was a _____ who experienced spiritual visions, as well as being an author. Almost _____ of her letters still survive. Saint Catherine is also an _____, meaning her body did not decompose after death. Her head is entombed in the Basilica of _____ in her home town of Siena.

Word List

mystic	400	Dominican	Avignon
San Dominico	sick	Pope Urban VI	dove
Italy	Benincasa	1347	Rome
poet	April 29	incorruptible	1461
33	1380	Western Schism	Doctor
Pope Gregory XI			
