

“Tell your kids”:

If you don't, who will?

Who was Christopher Columbus?

*He was known for discovering America, and he
was also Catholic.*

Did you know that he....

- He frequently prayed the Divine Office, sang the Salve Regina, and read the Gospel of John.
- Most all of his written letters began with the words, “May Jesus and Mary be with us on the way.”
- Columbus was a Third Order Franciscan
- One of Christopher Columbus’ brothers was a priest
- The piety of Brother Christopher left a very strong impression upon Servant of God Queen Isabella I. He’d expressed his desire for the wealth gained to be used to fund a new Crusade to liberate the Holy Land from Muslim rule.
- The Niña, the Pinta, and the Santa María set sail Aug. 3, 1492. The men aboard these ships needed tremendous courage to continue traveling westward (by sailing south, that is) across those uncharted seas. Their spirits were sustained by singing the Salve Regina at sunset every day, led by their captain.
- Columbus brought with him five (Catholic) missionaries, out of roughly 1,000 men, during his Second Voyage (1493-96)
- Brother Christopher was often seen wearing a Franciscan habit, particularly while in the presence of nobility, during his final years. Upon his death much of his fortune was bequeathed to two great causes: a new Crusade in the Holy Land and spreading of the Gospel in the New World.