

Saints Aquila and Priscilla, pray for us!



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"Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them, for to such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Mark 10:14

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Playing by the rules



Have you ever tried to score, but you broke a rule, so your goal didn't count? In basketball, maybe you made the basket...but you went out of bounds or pushed another player. In soccer, maybe you made the goal...but you were standing where you shouldn't have been standing.

As Christians, we have rules to follow too. We are called Christians, but we have to follow the rules to have the wonderful reward of life with Christ in heaven forever.

The epistle today tells us, "In the case of an athlete, no one is crowned without competing according to the rules."

But what are these rules? Some of these rules include the Ten Commandments, or loving our neighbor, or keeping our actions clean and pure. These rules help us live our lives the way God wants us to live them. When we follow God's commandments, God is happy with us. These rules, or commandments, help us be safe, happy, and according to what God wants for us.

We are like "athletes" because we are working hard for a goal. As Christian "athletes" we follow the rules so that we will be "crowned" in heaven with the best reward ever: life with Christ in heaven forever!

WORD SEARCH

Can you find these words in the jumble?

- APOSTLES
- AQUILA
- ATHLETES
- COMMANDMENTS
- EPISTLE
- PRISCILLA
- RULES
- SAINTS
- SPREAD THE GOSPEL

S D S S B N Y Y X K E I B I C
 E D P B E A Q U I L A C R O A
 T E R P R L O Z T H N O M T X
 E I E O U A T S O H R M L H N
 L W A K X F I S J O A Z T R R
 H I D R I P B P O N F C T Q S
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 A N H S L C L M S P A S Y Q X
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 U B G S S N A L L I C S I R P
 L Y O E T A J X A B Q P T T Y
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 S W P S L E D N X G U G W N A
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What's in an icon?

Saints Aquila and Priscilla were husband and wife, so they loved each other very much.

But they loved God even more!

That's why they worked so hard to spread the good news about Jesus Christ!



HUSBAND AND WIFE SAINTS SAINTS AQUILA AND PRISCILLA



Here are Saints Aquila and Priscilla with their friend, Saint Paul

Do you know how many Christians there are in the world? More than 2 billion! That means that out of every three people in the whole world, one is a Christian.

But how did that happen? Two thousand years ago, there were only a few Christians. Well, the first Christians worked hard to tell other people about Jesus Christ, and they told other people, and so on.

Saint Paul helped many, many people become Christians, but even he couldn't do it all! He had friends who helped him, too. Two of his most im-

portant helpers and friends were Saints Aquila and Priscilla. These two were husband and wife. They taught lots of people about Jesus Christ—about His life, and about how we can be more like Him.

In one of his letters, Saint Paul says, "Greet Priscilla and Aquilla. They risked their lives for me." Saint Paul shows how thankful he was to these two. And now WE are thankful to them too because of their great work for Christ and His Church.

We celebrate Sts. Aquila and Priscilla on Wed, Feb 13th (Feb 20, OC).