

Saint Dominic Savio

Directions: Read the biography and answer the questions.

Saint Dominic Savio is one of the Church's youngest saints. He died when he was still only fourteen years old. He was a gifted student and an extremely prayerful person. He often prayed in churches before the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle. He would even kneel and pray when walking past a church no matter how wet and muddy it was on the ground. When he was only seven years old, he asked his parish priest if he could receive his first Communion early. To receive the Eucharist for the first time, children were required to be at least fourteen years of age at that time. Savio's priest made an exception and he received communion early. The boy also earned the attention and admiration of another influential Catholic saint, Saint John Bosco. He accepted the young Dominic into his school and mentored the boy up until the illness that eventually took his life. He was so impressed with him that he wrote a biography about the young boy's life. The doctors and his parents thought Dominic would get better, but the young saint knew that he was dying. He asked to go to confession, receive communion, and the Anointing of the Sick just before he died.



1. What did Saint Dominic Savio do that shows he was a holy person?

2. What actions do you do to show others how to live a holy life?

3. Saint Dominic Savio was convinced that it was easy to be a saint. What can you do to imitate his life in the way you live and pray?
