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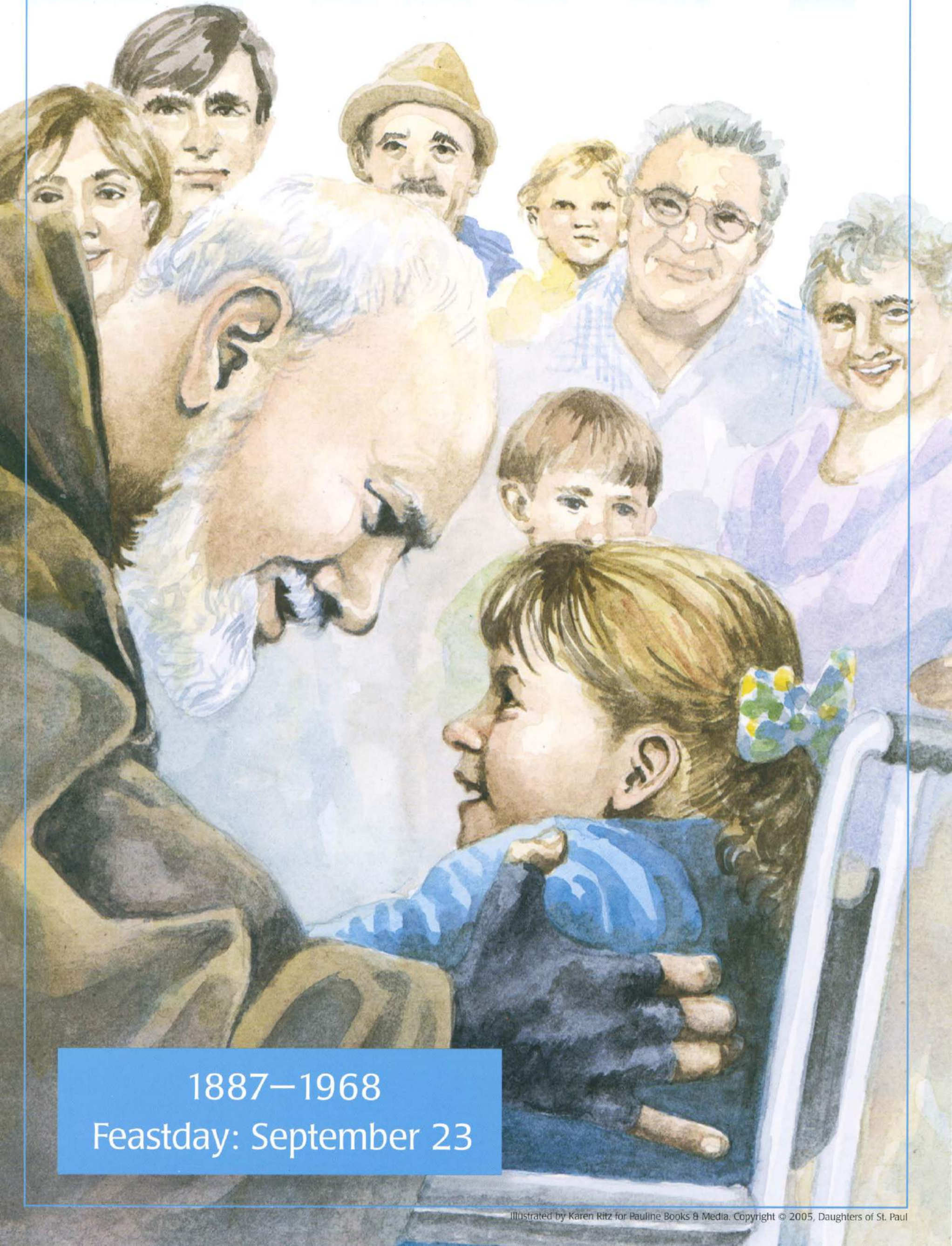
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Saint Pio of Pietrelcina

Francesco Forgione's family lived in the village of Pietrelcina, Italy. Francesco entered the Capuchin Franciscan Order in 1862 when he was fifteen. He received the name Padre Pio. After he was ordained a priest, he became known as Padre Pio. Padre means father in both Italian and Spanish.

Padre Pio often felt a pain in his hands. He also received his marks on his palms, but he didn't let anyone know about them. Then one day, when he was praying before a crucifix, light from the figure of Jesus touched Padre Pio's hands, feet, and side. Wounds appeared where the light had touched. Light had given Padre Pio wounds like Jesus had on the cross! These wounds are called the stigmata.

Padre Pio's life was not easy. Some people thought that he was just pretending to have the stigmata. They misunderstood him and did not treat him fairly. Padre Pio struggled, but he accepted his suffering with love. He always said the special gift God gave him to relieve the pain was suffering for others.

Padre Pio was compassionate and kind to everyone. He brought people God's forgiveness and peace in the sacrament of Reconciliation. He even had the gift of reaching hearts. Once Padre Pio heard the confession of a young Italian priest. He told the priest that perhaps he would become Pope. This Polish priest was never other than Pope John Paul II!

Sometimes, through God's grace, Padre Pio also worked miracles and cured people of their illnesses. He built a large hospital to help the sick and suffering, especially those who were poor. He offered God his own suffering so that as many people as possible would go to heaven.

Padre Pio died on September 23, 1968. Pope John Paul II canonized him on June 16, 2002.

Saint Pio, help us to do what we can to comfort those who are sad or suffering.

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Feastday: October 1

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