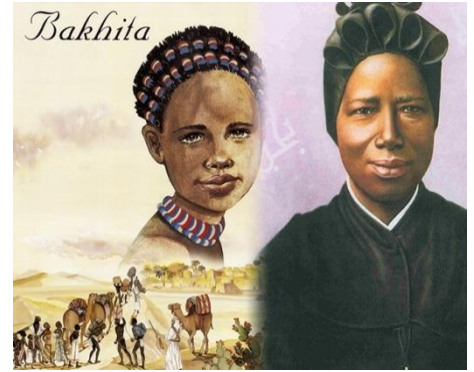


Learn More About St. Josephine Bakhita

St. Josephine Bakhita was born in Sudan in 1869 and died in 1947 in Italy. She is venerated as a modern African saint, the patron saint of Sudan, and as a statement against the brutal history of slavery.

Josephina was a Sudanese slave who eventually became a sister in the Canossian Daughters of Charity and now she is being put forward by a group at St. Mary's Cathedral in Portland, Oregon as the patron saint of persons who are trafficked.



Bakhita's legacy is that transformation is possible through suffering. Her story of deliverance from physical slavery also symbolizes all those who find meaning and inspiration in her life for their own deliverance from spiritual slavery. On a larger scale, however, Bakhita's story of a slave who was forced to convert to Islam and later chose Christianity represents a conflict between Christianity and Islam. Pope Benedict XVI *relates her entire life story* as an outstanding example of Christian hope.

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