



Catholic Supersmart People

During Catholic Schools Week, we celebrate faith-filled **SUPERSMART** students. Throughout history there are many, many, many faith filled Catholic scientists, mathematicians, artists, musicians, and writers who believed in God and grew closer to God through furthering their knowledge of the universe. Learn about some of these **SUPERSMART** people. The resource for this "Bingo" game is [Brilliant! 25 Catholic Scientists, Mathematicians and Supersmart People](#) by David Michael Warren. Pauline Books and Media.

Randomly fill in the Bingo squares with the names and/or talents of faithful, supersmart people from the list to the left. (One name or area of talent per square in no particular order.)

Choose from this list to fill in the squares of your bingo card:

- Your Name
- Acoustics
- Astronomy
- BASIC
- Botany
- Calculus
- Chemistry
- Fr. Angelo Secchi
- Fr. Christopher Clavius
- Fr. Leon Provancer
- Fr. Marin Mersenne
- Giovanni and Anna Manzolini
- Gregorian Calendar
- Horticulture
- Laudato Si
- Laura Bassi
- Louis Braille
- Louis Pasteur
- Marie Agnesi
- Nicolaus Copernicus
- Pasteurization
- Pediatrician
- Pharmacist
- Pope Benedict XIV
- Pope Francis
- Sr. Miriam Michael Stimson
- Sr. Hilary Ross
- Sr. Mary Kenneth Keller
- St. Albert the Great
- St. Gianna Beretta Molla
- St. Hildegard of Bingen

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Cut out the cards and shuffle them. Pick a card, read the description and have students match the name or talent to their sheet. Have them listen for clues in the description.

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| <p>YOU You are a SUPERSMART person who has received gifts and talents from God.</p> | <p>ST. HILDEGARD OF BINGEN Studied plants (BOTANY) and how they could be used as medicine known as a PHARMACIST.</p> | <p>ST. ALBERT THE GREAT Faith cannot be shaken by science. They work together.</p> | <p>NICOLAUS COPERNICUS Discovered the sun, not the earth, was the center of the universe. The father of modern ASTRONOMY.</p> | <p>FR. CHRISTOPHER CLAVIUS Pope Gregory XIII asked him to solve the calendar problem. GREGORIAN CALENDAR is what we use today.</p> |
| <p>FR. MARIN MERSENNE Developed the equation for pitch and harmony on stringed instruments - Father of ACOUSTICS.</p> | <p>GIOVANNI AND ANNA MANZOLINI Sculptors who helped doctors understand anatomy</p> | <p>POPE BENEDICT XIV Helped people understand the unity between faith and science and encouraged women to be scientists.</p> | <p>Laura Bassi First female professor of physics. Before the 1700s, people believed women were not intelligent. Laura proved that God has given men and women great intellectual ability.</p> | <p>MARIE AGNESI Had a gift to understand and explain CALCULUS. Her explanations were in a book to help others. She gave all her wealth to the poor.</p> |
| <p>LOUIS BRAILLE Became blind as a child and invented the Braille system of writing and reading. Students borrowed money from him for books but he never let them pay him back.</p> | <p>FR. ANGELO SECCHI Studied the stars and planets and built a large telescope and science lab on top of a church. He invented the way to classify stars and made new discoveries about comets, the sun and Mars. ASTRONOMY.</p> | <p>FR. LEON PROVANCER A naturalist who studied plants (BOTANY) and was named for his work in HORTICULTURE. He was fascinated by God's natural creations.</p> | <p>LOUIS PASTEUR Struggled in school but continued to study hard and think deeply. Became great in CHEMISTRY and studied microscopic organisms. He developed PASTEURIZATION to kill germs in milk. He felt when people search for the truth about science and nature they are really searching for God.</p> | <p>SR. MIRIAM MICHAEL STIMSON Known for discoveries about DNA and fighting cancer. She said that knowledge would lead us to God through humility and love.</p> |
| <p>SR. MARY KENNETH KELLER Pioneer in computer science. Helped develop a computer programming language called BASIC, leading to programs for video games.</p> | <p>POPE FRANCIS ENVIRONMENTALIST. He loved science in school and studied chemistry. Helped people understand that the Bible reveals the truth of God's love in creation and the human race.</p> | <p>LAUDATO SI Be Praise to You: On Care for our Common Home - Letter Pope Francis wrote on the care for God's creation. Reminds us of our duty to use scientific knowledge to take care of the Earth and promote peace.</p> | <p>ST. GIANNA BERETTA MOLLA Doctor and surgeon. She became a PEDIATRICIAN, a doctor who helps children.</p> | <p>SR. HILARY ROSS One of the people who discovered a treatment for Hanson's Disease known as Leprosy.</p> |

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