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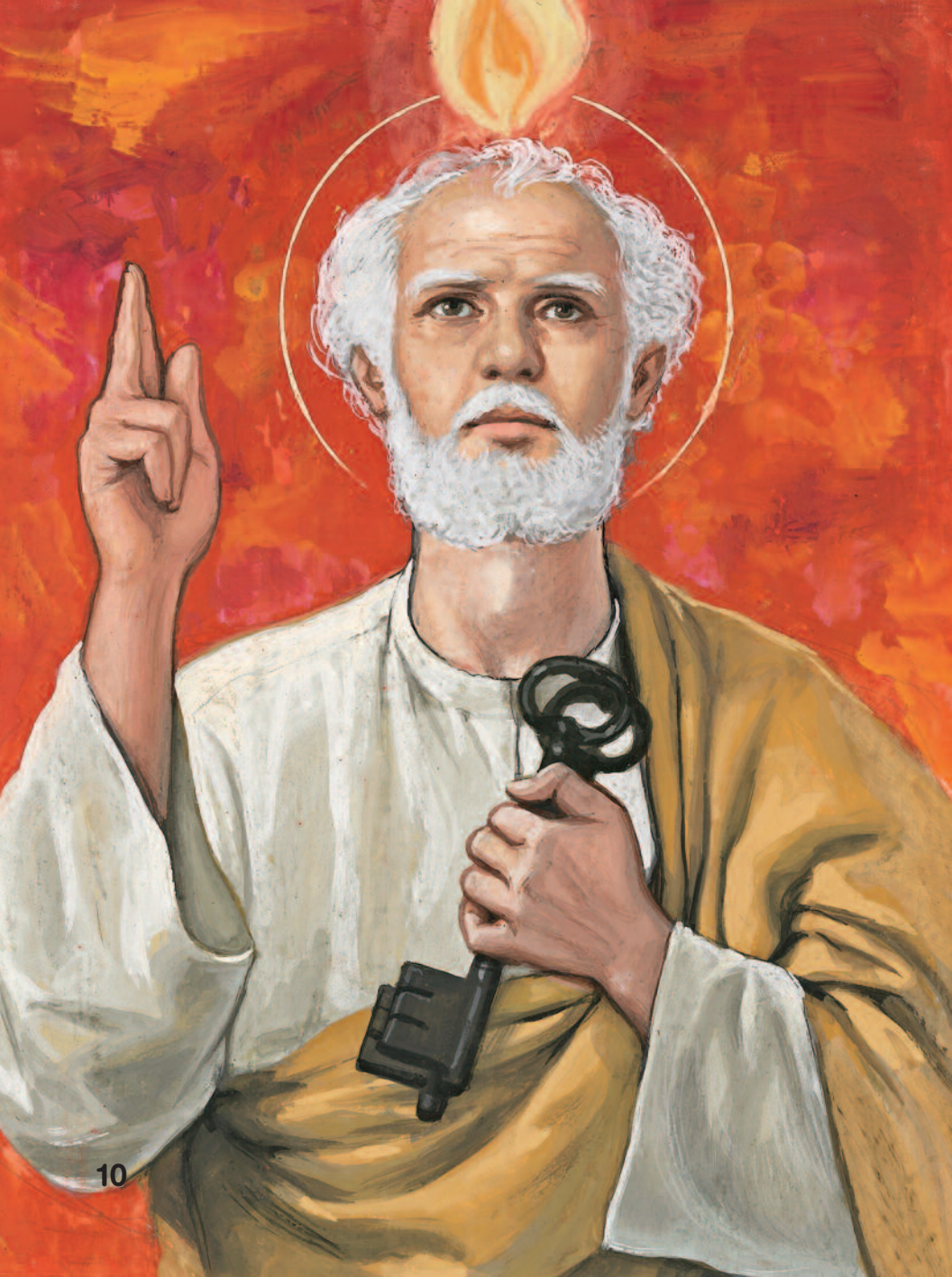
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Saint Peter

June 29

SIMON was a fisherman. His brother Andrew said to him: “I have met Jesus. Come and see Him.” Simon saw and became a follower of Jesus, Who changed his name to Peter, which means “rock.”

Jesus picked eleven other Apostles and said: “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of people.” He meant that He would send them to do His work of bringing people to God.

One day, Jesus said to them: “Who do you think I am?” Peter answered: “You are Christ, the Son of God.” Our Lord was pleased and said: “You are Peter, a rock, and I will build My Church upon you. I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of heaven.” This is the power to help people get to heaven.

After His Resurrection, Jesus said to Peter: “Feed My lambs; feed My sheep.” In this way, our Lord made it clear that Peter was to be the first Pope.

Peter was crucified, head downward, in Rome because he considered himself unworthy to die as Jesus had done.

Saint Paul

June 29

SAUL was a Jew who hated the Christians. He was on his way to the city of Damascus to arrest them. Suddenly, a light from heaven shone around him, and he heard a voice saying: “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute Me?”

Saul asked: “Who are You, Lord?” And the voice answered: “I am Jesus, Whom you are persecuting.” He was told to go into the city and wait.

Saul had been struck blind. After three days, a man named Ananias came to him and said: “Brother Saul, the Lord has sent me—Jesus Who appeared to you on your journey—that you may get your sight back and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”

At once Saul could see. He was baptized and was called Paul. He began to preach the word of Jesus to the pagan world. He wrote many letters (called “Epistles”) to the Christians.

After years of travel and suffering, Paul was taken to Rome as a prisoner and beheaded.