

The Apostle of the Negroes: The Extraordinary Life of Father Pierre Toussaint

Father Pierre Toussaint was a Haitian-born Catholic priest who lived in New York City in the late 18th and early 19th centuries. He was a remarkable man who dedicated his life to serving the poor and marginalized, especially the black community. Toussaint was a pioneer in the fight for racial equality and an inspiration to people of all races and backgrounds.



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Toussaint was born in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, in 1766. He was the son of a free black father and a slave mother. Toussaint's father died when he was young, and his mother was forced to sell him into slavery to pay off her debts. Toussaint was sent to New York City, where he was sold to a wealthy merchant named John Keating. Keating treated Toussaint well, and allowed him to attend school and learn a trade.

In 1791, Toussaint converted to Catholicism. He was inspired by the teachings of the Catholic Church, which emphasized the equality of all people. Toussaint began to dedicate his life to helping others, especially the poor and marginalized. He founded a school for black children, and he also helped to establish a home for the elderly and infirm.

In 1803, Toussaint was ordained a priest. He was the first black priest in the United States. Toussaint continued to work tirelessly for the poor and marginalized. He helped to establish a number of charities, and he also spoke out against slavery and racial discrimination.

Toussaint died in New York City in 1853. He was 87 years old. Toussaint was a remarkable man who dedicated his life to serving others. He was a pioneer in the fight for racial equality, and an inspiration to people of all races and backgrounds.

Legacy

Toussaint's legacy is still felt today. He is considered a saint by many people, and he is a role model for those who work for social justice.

Toussaint's life and work continue to inspire people to fight for a more just and equitable world.

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The Apostle of the Negroes is a biography of Father Pierre Toussaint. The book was written by Robert Blair St. Leger in 1985. The book tells the story of Toussaint's life and work, and it provides a glimpse into the history of the black community in New York City in the late 18th and early 19th centuries.

The Apostle of the Negroes is a well-written and informative book. It is a must-read for anyone who is interested in the history of slavery, the black community, or the Catholic Church in the United States. The book is also a source of inspiration for those who work for social justice.



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