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**SAINT PATRICK WAS BORN IN
BRITAIN OF A ROMANIZED FAMILY
AND FLOURISHED IN THE 5TH
CENTURY IN BRITAIN AND IRELAND.
HE BECAME THE PATRON SAINT AND
NATIONAL APOSTLE OF IRELAND.**

SOURCE: TARLACH O'RAIFEARTAIGH

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SAINT PATRICK IS CREDITED WITH BRINGING CHRISTIANITY TO IRELAND AND IS PROBABLY RESPONSIBLE IN PART FOR THE CHRISTIANIZATION OF THE PICTS AND ANGLO-SAXONS.

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SAINT PATRICK IS KNOWN ONLY FOR TWO SHORT WORKS COMPOSED IN LATIN: *CONFESSIO*, A SPIRITUAL AUTOBIOGRAPHY, AND *EPISTULA AD COROTICUM*, A LETTER TO COROTICUS, A DENUNCIATION OF BRITISH MISTREATMENT OF IRISH CHRISTIANS.

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AT AGE 16, PATRICK WAS SEIZED BY IRISH RAIDERS FROM THE VILLA OF HIS FATHER, CALPURNIUS, A DEACON AND MINOR LOCAL OFFICIAL, AND CARRIED INTO SLAVERY IN IRELAND.

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AS A YOUNG MAN, PATRICK SPENT SIX BLEAK YEARS IN SLAVERY, WORKING AS A HERDSMAN IN IRELAND UNTIL HE “HEARD” IN A DREAM THAT THE SHIP IN WHICH HE WAS TO ESCAPE IRELAND WAS DOCKED IN AN IRISH PORT AND READY TO SAIL TO BRITAIN. THUS, HE FLED HIS MASTER AND FOUND PASSAGE TO BRITAIN.

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**THE ADJECTIVE “SANCTUS” MEANS
“HOLY” OR “SAINTLY” IN CLASSICAL
LATIN.**

**“PATRICIUS” – MEANING “PATRICK”
– IS A DECLENSION 2 LATIN NOUN
IN THE MASCULINE GENDER.**

**SOURCE: TRAUPTMAN’S LATIN
DICTIONARY**

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THE BEST-KNOWN PASSAGE IN SAINT PATRICK’S *CONFESSIO*, HIS SPIRITUAL AUTOBIOGRAPHY IN LATIN, TELLS OF A DREAM, AFTER HIS ESCAPE FROM SLAVERY IN IRELAND, IN WHICH ONE VICTORICUS DELIVERED HIM A LETTER TITLED “THE VOICE OF THE IRISH.”

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DESPITE HIS DOUBTS ABOUT THE EXTENT OF HIS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND HIS ABILITIES TO CONVERT THE IRISH TRIBES TO CHRISTIANITY, SAINT PATRICK DID HEED THE VOICE OF VICTORICUS IN THE DREAM GUIDING HIM TO RETURN TO IRELAND AND TO WORK AMONG THE UNCIVILIZED IRISH.

SOURCE: TARLACH O'RAIFEARTAIGH