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# Saint Marguerite D'Youville Paper Doll

## THE STORY OF Saint Marie-Marguerite d'Youville

Marie-Marguerite d'Youville was born on October 15, 1701, at Varennes, Quebec. As a child, she was very poor, but through the charity of her great-grandfather she was able to study with the Ursuline Sisters in Quebec. She returned home later to care for her siblings.

In 1722 she married François d'Youville. Sadly, her husband quickly revealed himself as an unreliable man. He frequently left home, and he put the family in danger by illegally trading alcohol. Marguerite did her best to be a good wife and mother, however, and when François became ill, she cared for him tenderly until his death in 1730.

Marguerite had been poor as a child, as a wife and mother, and finally, as a widow. However, out of her poverty, she served the poor. Instead of becoming bitter, she became more compassionate. She began to care for the poor, even in her own home, and she was soon joined by other young women. On December 31, 1737, she founded the "Sisters of Charity of Montreal." Because of their grey habits they were called the "Grey Nuns."

Marguerite's home was destroyed by a fire. She did not give up. She was given charge of the Charon Brothers Hospital in Montreal. It was in disrepair, so she and her sisters rebuilt it and paid the hospital's debts. In her hospital, she welcomed all: disabled soldiers, the elderly, the insane, orphans, and those deemed incurable. In 1765, a second fire destroyed the hospital, but Marguerite's faith blazed on higher than the flames. She began again.

This "Mother of the Poor" died on December 23, 1771. She is the first native Canadian to be canonized. Her sisters continue to serve in Canada and throughout the world. Her feast is October 16.

Saint Marguerite, please pray for us!

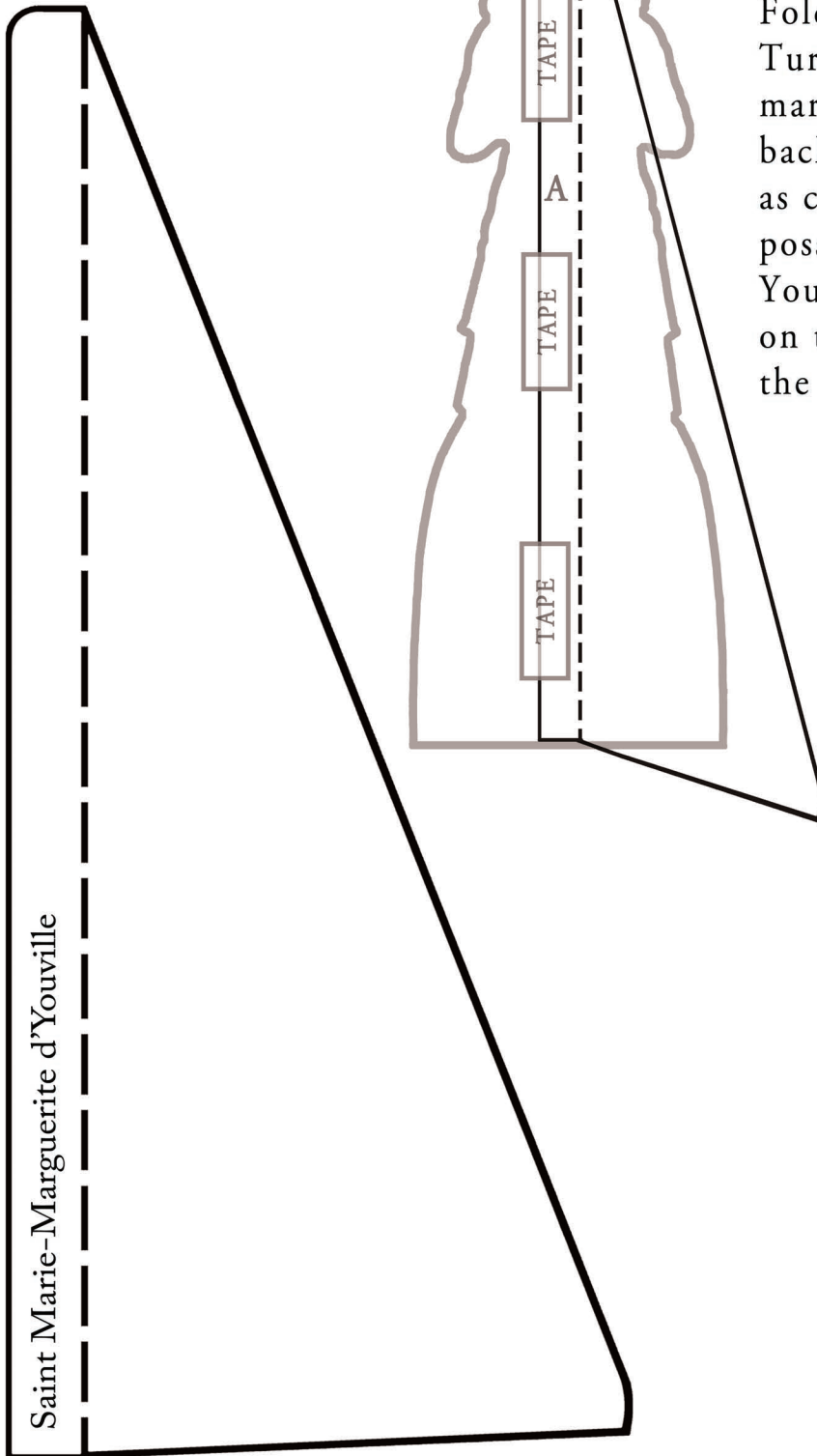


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# INSTRUCTIONS

## HOW TO MAKE YOUR DOLL STAND

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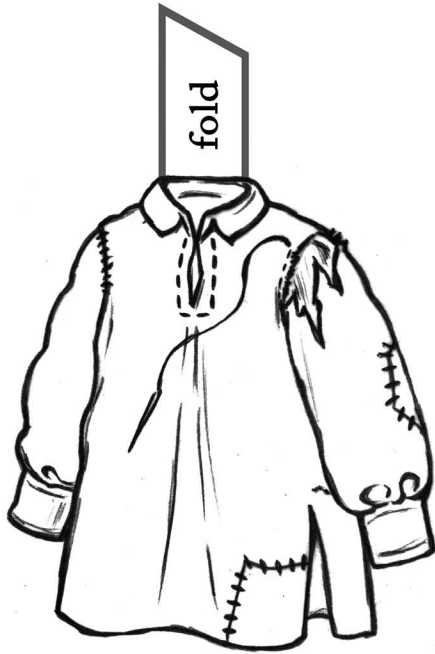


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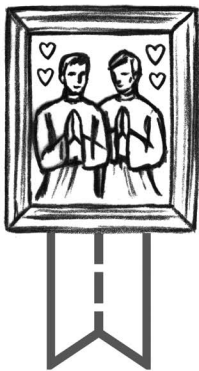


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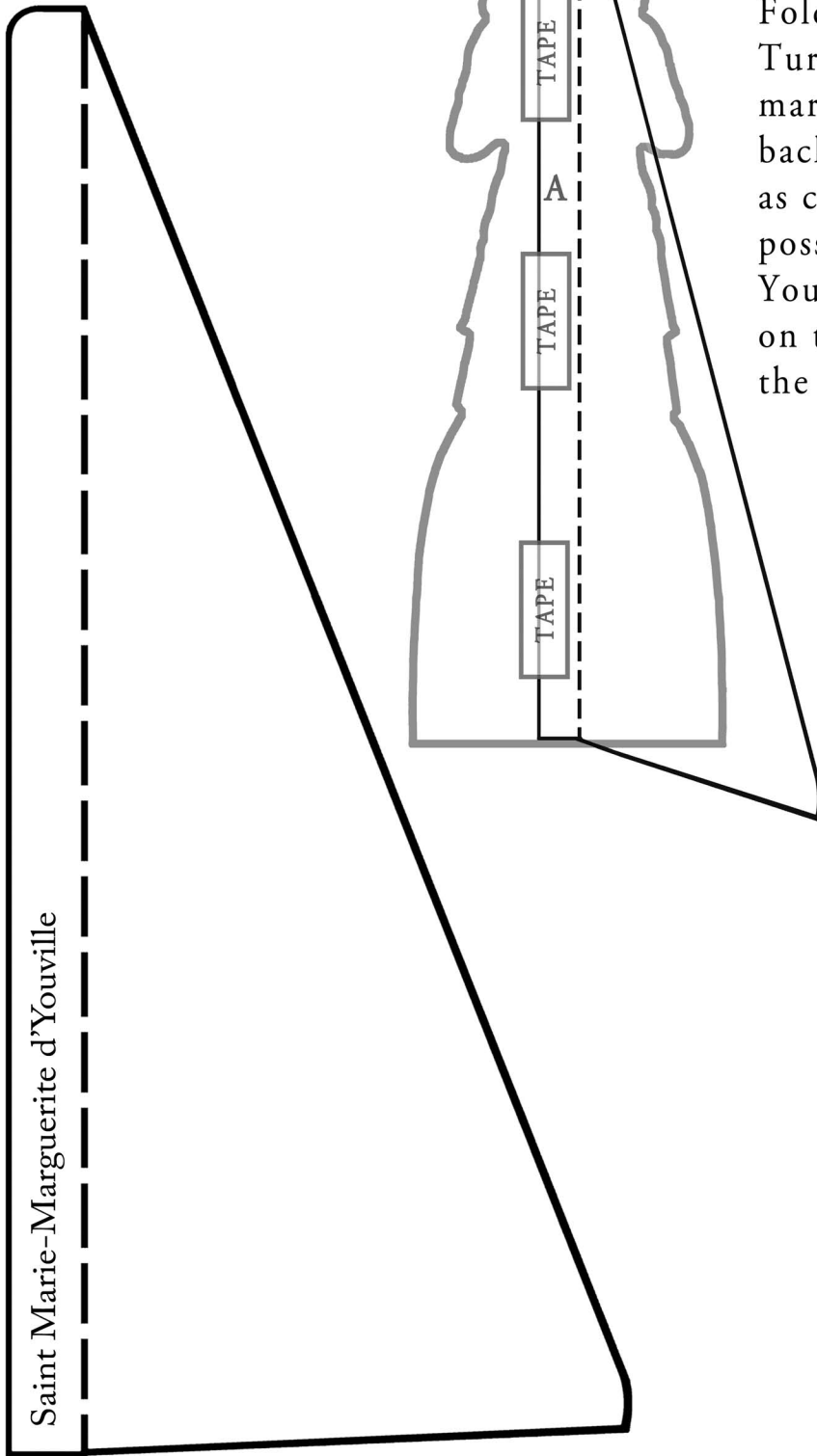


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