



FIVE PETAL FRIDAY PRESENTS...

FOCUS ON...

ST. PATRICK!

St. Patrick is the patron saint of the country of Ireland and highly revered for his missionary role in bringing Christianity to that country and laying the groundwork for the monastic movement that ended up restoring education and culture to northern Europe after the fall of the Roman Empire (you're welcome, Europe).

The consensus in the 5PF editorial offices was that with his commemoration day coming up we should track St. Patrick down for a conversation.

5PF: *Welcome to 5PF! What is your name?*

PAT: Padraig of Ireland.

5PF: *Wait a minute – what?*

PAT: **Yeah that spelling always throws English speakers off, but that's the correct way!**

5PF: *What is your favorite color?*

PAT: **Are you serious? Three guesses, genius.**

5PF: *Okay – okay – sorry – that's just the traditional question. Thanks for talking with us! We know you were kidnapped by pirates at age 16 and taken to Ireland, but where were you born?*

PAT: **Must you start off with a question that is not only irrelevant but controversial?**

5PF: *Controversial?*

PAT: **Yes – controversial – because all the Scots insist I was born there, but seriously? Look at the evidence: My Latin writing reads like Welsh, I refer to England as my home, and marine archaeologists have traced pirate routes and confirmed that no pirates really wanted to go to Scotland. So just do the math.**

5PF: *Are you always this grouchy?*

PAT: **Sorry about that – it's only really at this time of year because all everyone wants to talk about is that dumb legend about driving the snakes out and comparing the Trinity to a shamrock, which has gotten nothing but guffaws from theologians ever since.**

5PF: *Actually, we had something else in mind. Didn't you write that awesome hymn about "I bind unto myself today the strong name of the Trinity" and "Christ behind me, Christ before me"?*

PAT: **Oh wow – you know that hymn?**

5PF: *Yeah – it's in our hymnal - #450. Everyone should look it up!*

PAT: **That's awesome! You know, you guys are alright!**

5PF: *Thanks! Last question: If a movie were made of your life, who would you want to play you?*

PAT: **It's already been done – that Patrick Bergin guy was *amazing!* I think it's on Amazon. You should check it out.**

5PF: *We will, first chance we get! Well, have a great St. Paddy's day, and thanks for talking to us!*

PAT: **You're welcome! go racha Dia leat!**