

Learn About Your Patron Saint

In Chamorro, Carmen Camacho Rojas sings “Atan Bithen del Carmen” in honor of her patron saint, Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

1. **Ekungok yan in fanganta “Atan Bithen del Carmen” ya chagi kao sina un komprende hafa kumekilek-ña i palabras yan i intension-ña.**

Listen and sing “Atan Bithen del Carmen” and try to understand the meaning behind the song. For more information about the song and the history of Our Lady of Mount Carmel see Pale Eric Forbes’ writings:
<https://paleric.blogspot.com/search?q=Bithen+del+Carmen>).

2. **Faisen si nana-mu, pat i biha-mu, pat maseha hayi na amko ni tumugo ni imahi, hafa siknifikasion-ña pat sino hafa mas impotante ni matungo put este na imahi?**

Ask your mother, grandmother, or elder to identify each of the statues and discuss the significance or the story behind that particular statue?

3. **Pago, faisen ta’lo si nana-mu, pat biha-mu, pat maseha hayi i mas amko gi familia hafa na maayek este na patrona para i familia? Hafa na mafana’an gue nu ayu na santos? Espiha hafa na klasen matka yan prenda ni gai signifikasion gi imahen.**

Now ask your mother, grandmother, or elder to identify his or her patron saint. Why was she/he named after that patron saint? What symbols or markers exist that help us recognize that particular saint?

4. **Ngai’an yan hafa taimanu un selebra este na nubena?**

When and how is the devotion and novena to the patron saint celebrated?

5. **Maayek este na santos para espesiatmente i fan gineha mona yan proteksion para i lina’la-niha. Kao guaha promesa para este na patrona? Hafa nesisidat-mu para un komple este na promesa?**

Patron saints are chosen as special protectors or guardians over areas of life. Did it involve a promise? What need did that promise fulfill? For more information about the significance of the novena and how the yearly devotional lies largely with women, see the writings by Dominica Tolentino on Guampedia,
<https://www.guampedia.com/nobena-novena-catholic-devotional-prayers/>).



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