



## Italian Heritage Month? (Part 4 of 4)

Hello, friends - the Italian legacy continues...

### **Vince Lombardi**

American football coach and executive.

Considered by many to be among the greatest coaches and leaders in American sports. Head coach for the Green Bay Packers during the 1960's where he led team to 3 straight and 5 total NFL Championships in addition to winning the 1<sup>st</sup> two Super Bowls. The Super Bowl trophy is named in his honor.

### **Rita Levi-Montalcini Maria Luisa Gorno Tempini Fiorenza Micheli**

These researchers are recognized for high impact publications and contributions to global science, including studies on Alzheimer's and environmental sciences.

### **Mary Lou Retton**

Retired American gymnast and Olympic Gold Medalist.

In the 1984 Los Angeles summer olympics, she won the gold medal in the individual all-around competition as well as 2 silver medals and 2 bronze medals which earned her the Sports Illustrated Sportswoman of the Year Award.

### **St. Catherine of Siena 1347-1380**

Mystic and Doctor of the Church known for her profound influence on 14th century politics and theology. She successfully urged Pope Gregory XI to return the papacy from Avignon to Rome and was recognized for her intense spirituality, including visions and the stigmata.

She was the 24<sup>th</sup> of 25 children and became a Dominican lay person at the age of 15.

She was canonized in 1461 by Pope Paul VI for her significant contributions to theology.

She is the patron saint of Italy (along with St. Francis of Assisi).

Also the patron saint of Rome, nursing and .....are you ready?.....THE MEDIA !!. How ironic...the media... they probably don't even know she existed.

Her story is amazing and the media should find time for her. A woman in the 14<sup>th</sup> century....advised popes,

kings and queens in her short life of 33 years....

No Movie, no documentary, no nothing on Catherine of Siena....

March is designated Female History Month.... she was no Jane Fonda and never burned her bra, but maybe they will recognize her anyway!

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