

{ Reliquary
All Saints }

When a relic of St. { ^{Elmo} Brendan },
patron of [safe] sea { ^{voyages} travel }, went down
in a shipwreck, the incident was noted
with amused irony and soon forgotten

But when { ^{subsequently,} then, }, in the space of
a few months, { a relic } of St. { ^{Brendan} Dymphna }, { patron saint of }
fires, perished in a fire and { a relic of }
St. { ^{Remy} Anthony } { ^{Regius} }, patron of inexplicably lost objects,
was inexplicably lost, people began ^{to} { ^{take notice} pay heed }.

The first explanation that occurred to
 { anyone
 most people } was, of course, copycat miscreants.
 But ^{that} this could hardly account for the swallowing up
 of an icon of St Photius, patron of
 safety from earthquakes, in an earthquake — this
 could be nobody's act.

As the number of such incidents ^(climbed) ~~(mounted)~~,
 they became a theme for theological — and
 anti-theological — speculation.

At first, of course, it all seemed evidence
 { against
 against } religion; so many saints ~~ineffective~~
 ineffective on so many fronts.

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But as the ^(number of episodes) episodes rose into

the hundreds, and ^(particularly after) it ~~was~~

^(became clear evident) was noted that they were following the order

of Saints in Smees's ^(thesaurus) Treasury ^(Saints) of the ^(Blessed) Blest,

and ^(particularly after) someone found that if

you took the first letter of ^{(the nine (most recent))} each ninth ^(elately)

^(disempowered saints) disempowered saint — ⁽¹⁾ [Ss] Questifer, Ultan,

^(disempowered saint) Eloi, ^(disempowered saint) Sergius, Alban, Ivo, ^(Silas) Sylvan,

Joaquin, ^(noch) E(sme) — these spelled out

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^(noch) E(sme) — these spelled out

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② [the] watchword of St. Dubitar[us],
patron saint of doubters

① {watchword} of the all-^(sceptic) ^(doubting) Montaigne
motto

"Que sais-je?" , N if ^{grew} {became} difficult

to avoid the impression that somebody

was trying to tell us something,

{an impression confirmed
a perspective (reflected)
(embodied)} some years later

(in) the issuance of the papal bull [?]

" On the {upturning-
back-drawing)
(withdrawal)} of the {blessed."
(sanctified, "}

spelled that
on French
set theory
book