

# Saint to reveal his divine mission for

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Saint Joan of Arc was born circa 1412 in Domremy, France. From an early age, Joan of Arc's mother imbued the love of Catholicism within her, later influencing her decision to fight in the Hundred Years War. Joan of Arc is remembered because of her courage, bravery, and piety. The Hundred Years War began in 1337 and ended in 1453. It was fought between England and France over a dispute in territory. During the 116 years it lasted, the war was split up into three different eras; the Edwardian Era War, the Caroline War, and the Lancastrian War. Saint Joan of Arc lived and fought during the Lancastrian War era, helping bring France to victory at Normandy. Before entering the war, Saint Joan of Arc's village unwillingly evacuated their homes, due to the impending threat of British invasion.

During this time period, women were considered inferior to men. This inhibited many of the roles women were 'allowed' to do. Saint Joan of Arc faced several struggles before earning the reputation she is remembered for today. When Joan was thirteen years old, she began to hear God's voice in her head. God had begun to reveal his divine mission for her, which was to rescue France from Britain and to declare Charles VII as the lawful king. Many doubted her and even questioned her faithfulness to God.

This was the first of many difficulties she would face in her life. Once she began her journey to bestow Prince Charles VII the throne, she visited the Vaucouleurs for permission to ask Prince Charles VII to fight in the war. She was rejected at first, but she persisted. This attracted many followers who believed that Joan was the virgin in the local prophecy that would save France. She then cut her hair and dressed like a man for eleven days as she journeyed on to Chinon (where Prince Charles VII's castle was) with an

escort of soldiers and a horse given to her by Robert de Baudricourt, after he had seen the approval of the villagers. There she requested that he give her an army. At first Prince Charles VII refused. It wasn't until Joan revealed a personal prayer Charles prayed to God to help save France, that God haddivulged to her.