**Brother Damien**



* Persevered and worked very hard to become a priest
* Was a missionary and went to Hawaii to share the word of God by preaching, talking to people and helping to build churches
* Volunteered to go to Molokai Island, where people suffered with leprosy (an infectious disease)
* Lived with the lepers and cared for them
* Encouraged them to care for one another
* Brought them together creating clubs like choirs
* Built a church and celebrated mass with them
* Taught the lepers that Jesus loved them and he was with them when they were suffering
* He dedicated his life to serve others and eventually died of leprosy on the island