

PEOPLE OF SIGNIFICANCE

A STORY OF STRENGTH

Born in 1412 in Domremy, France. Daughter of farmers, she never ventured far from home. When she was young she had visions encouraging her towards a devout life. She had St Michael and St Catherine telling her to seek an audience with Charles, the son of King Charles VI. The visions instructed her to go to Vaucouleurs to contact Robert de Baudricourt, she cut her hair and dressed like a man as she travelled to meet Charles.

Charles allowed her to accompany the army to Orléans where she helped them win a series of battles. Charles was eventually crowned king with Joan present at the ceremony. In 1430 she confronted a Burgundian assault and was taken captive and exchanged to the English for 10,000 francs.

Eventually she was handed to Church officials who branded her as a heretic. She was interrogated and used her soldiers' clothes to protect herself against assaults. In the end she was burned at the stake in the marketplace in Rouen. Throughout her life she was humble, pious and displayed fearless courage given to her by God.

What's your significant story?

"If I am not, may God put me there; and if I am, may God so keep me."

PRAYER

*St Joan of Arc,
give me strength.
Help me fight the good fight,
the fight of faith and of
life over death. Help me to
build the kingdom on Earth
and to win others for Christ.
Holy Spirit give me a coat
of amour like St Joan of Arc,
armour not of metal but of
righteousness in God.*

Amen



ST JOAN OF ARC