The Catholic Tradition and History of Honouring the Saints

Following the canonising of some unsuitable people, the church saw the need to tighten the canonisation process to prevent this from happening. From then on when seeking approval for a person to be canonised, their suitability would be carefully scrutinized during the long process before they could become 'added to the list of official Saints'.

TASK 5

Make a list of all the official Saints you know – don't forget those mentioned in Task 3.
From your list create a litany to pray during prayer time e.g. St Patrick early missionary in Ireland - Pray for us.

The canonisation of Saint Udalric, by Pope John XV in 993 was the first example of a Saint canonised by a pope. Later Bishops helped
to oversee the more formal process of making people Saints which we call 'canonisation'. The ceremony was led by the pope of the time. Prior to this the Church did not have a formal canonisation process for making people Saints.

TASK 6

Why do you think it would be necessary to have a formal canonisation process?
Make a flow chart to explain the process.

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