'The patron saint of a city'

In the Catholic liturgy, a patron saint is that saint who a region, diocese, city, religious community or community of faithful honours with special veneration as a protector and intercessor with God, due to ancient tradition or by choice.

The custom of having a patron saint is wrong for the following six reasons:

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Veneration generally means the adoration of God, and therefore, our worship, as a form of adoration, cannot be directed at a human being born of union between a man and a woman, even if this person has been declared a saint.
Veneration is to be addressed to the divine Spirit of God, our Creator, and not to his creatures.
The following quotation from the Gospel makes us realise that worship is linked to adoration, which we must address only to the Spirit of God:

(Again, the devil took him to an exceedingly high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. He said to him, “I will give you all of these things, if you will fall down and worship me.” Then Jesus said to him, “Get behind me, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and you shall serve him only.’”) Matthew 4 : 8

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(2)

It is better to venerate the dead and resurrected saint (Lord Jesus) as the Son of God than to worship a dead and non-resurrected saint.
In fact, Jesus said:
(‘I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die’) John 11 : 25

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The patron saint we adopt, even if he performed many miracles in his life, it does not mean that he is worthy of being judged a saint because he could be an evildoer, according to the following statement of the Lord Jesus:

(Many will tell me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, didn’t we prophesy in your name, in your name cast out demons, and in your name do many mighty works?’ Then I will tell them, ‘I never knew you. Depart from me, you who work iniquity.’) Matthew 7 : 22

Another statement of the Lord Jesus that makes us understand the deceitful action of the devil towards us is the following:

(“Then if any man tells you, ‘Behold, here is the Christ!’ or, ‘There!’ don’t believe it. For false christs and false prophets will arise, and they will show great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the chosen ones.) Matthew 24 : 23

Therefore, we cannot place our trust in just any man, making him our patron, even if he has performed great miracles. This is because it could all be the work of the power of Satan, who does everything in his power to lead us away from the truth, from the Lord, to lead us along the path of eternal damnation.

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We have no need to have a patron protector, because the Lord has already provided and is providing for our protection. We need only to trust in Him. It is normal that God the Father, as a good Father, a loving Spirit of eternal life, having created man in his own image and likeness, must protect him. Who better than God the Father, the almighty and eternal Spirit, present in every place, can protect mankind?

If misfortunes befall us, it is because we heed the devil's promptings and not the voice of the Lord.
The following quotation from the Holy Scriptures makes us realise this:

(“Behold, I send an angel before you, to keep you by the way, and to bring you into the place which I have prepared. Pay attention to him, and listen to his voice. Don’t provoke him, for he will not pardon your disobedience, for my name is in him. But if you indeed listen to his voice, and do all that I speak, then I will be an enemy to your enemies, and an adversary to your adversaries.) Exodus 23 : 20

All the more reason why we have no need to have a female patron saint, therefore, because we know that women are the weaker sex and need to be protected.
How can we trust the protection of a female patron, without offending the nature of women?

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We have no need to make a patron to intercede with God in order to obtain blessings from Him.
The Lord Jesus taught us that we can turn to God with trust to ask him for what we need. Gospel quotations that make us understand this are given in the document ‘Obtaining miracles from God.pdf', which is good to read.
What is more, why do we have to waste time addressing a deceased intercessor, who we do not even know can hear us, when we can instead address the divine Spirit of eternal life of God the Father or of the Lord Jesus, as He Himself taught us?

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When we make a patron saint ourselves, we make a material image with our own hands of the one who is judged holy, be it beautiful or ugly, accurate or false, in order to venerate and adore an idol in place of God. Perhaps we even offer incense to the idol, offending the glory of God and provoking the Lord's jealousy to wrath.
Through the prophet Isaiah, God said:

(“I am Yahweh. That is my name. I will not give my glory to another, nor my praise to engraved images.) Isaiah 42 : 8

This evil behaviour of ours, which is the sin of idolatry, is severely condemned by God the Father for transgressing the second commandment of the Law that God gave to Moses.

The commandment transgressed is as follows:

(“You shall not make for yourselves an idol, nor any image of anything that is in the heavens above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: you shall not bow yourself down to them, nor serve them, for I, Yahweh your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and on the fourth generation of those who hate me, and showing loving kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.) Exodus 20 : 4

The eternal condemnation for idolaters, on the other hand, is as follows:

(But for the cowardly, unbelieving, sinners, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their part is in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.”) Revelation 21 : 8

You should also read the document 'Keeping God's commandments.pdf'.

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