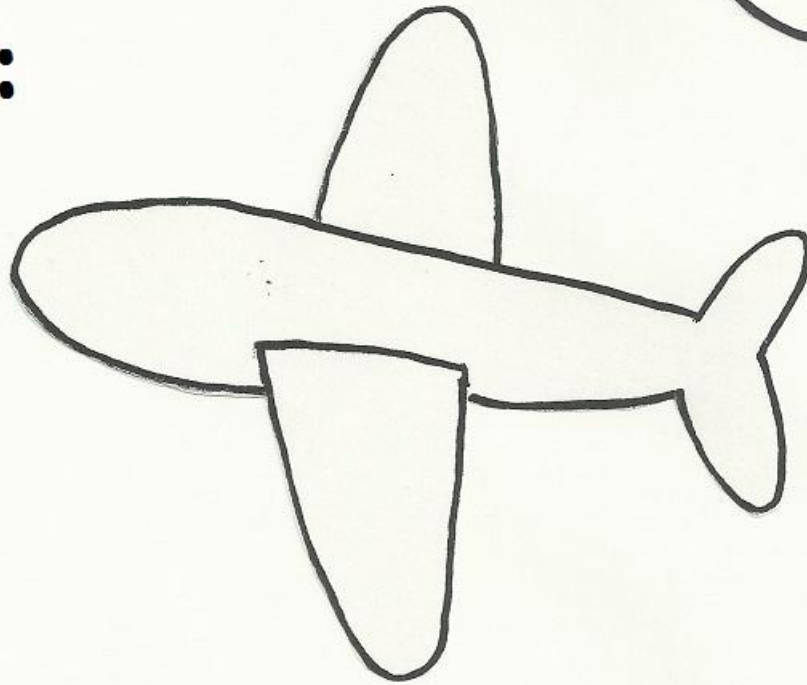


# Padre Pio and World War Two:



During World War II, several American and English pilots reported seeing a flying monk in the air, over San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy. His arms were upraised in the sky. Their planes were diverted and they were bombs were unable to be unloaded!

After the war they went to visit Padre Pio in San Giovanni Rotondo and they recognized him as the monk they had seen in the skies! Padre Pio was canonized by St. Pope John Paul II in 2002. He is known now as St. Pio of Pietrelcina. He died in 1968 and his body was found to be incorrupt.