



St. Aloysius Religious Education 4th grade “SAINT WITNESS” project

The **Feast of All Saints** is a holy day of the Church honoring all saints, known and unknown. The word "saint" literally means "holy". Saints are those who closely followed Jesus Christ during their lives on earth and lived their lives according to his teaching. While other Christians struggled to live out the Gospel of Christ, these people were eminent examples of the moral virtues, and they easily practiced the theological virtues of faith, hope, and charity. ***All Religious Education students and families are required to attend the All Saints Liturgy on Wednesday, November 1, 2023 at 5:30pm***, where we celebrate the saints of the Lord, and ask for their prayers and intercessions. (This is a great way to fulfill your Holy Day of Obligation requirement!)

The Communion of Saints is the belief that all of God's people, on heaven, earth, and in the state of purification (called *Purgatory*), are connected in a communion. In other words, Catholics believe that the saints of God are just as alive as you and I, and are constantly interceding on our behalf. The Catholic Church created a process, called "canonization," through which venerable people could be recognized as saints by all Christians everywhere. Most of the saints whom we refer to by that title have gone through this process of canonization, others, received the title through acclamation, or the universal recognition of their holiness and good deeds. Catholics believe that both types of saints (canonized and acclaimed) are already in Heaven, which is why one of the requirements for the canonization process is proof of miracles performed by the possible saint *after* his/her death. Canonized saints can be venerated and prayed to, and their lives are held up to Christians still struggling here on earth as examples to be imitated.

The 4th grade Religious Education curriculum focuses on our call to live as disciples of Jesus; by our witness to speak and act upon what we know and believe about Jesus ... just like the Saints! All the 4th grade Religious Education students are asked to pick a Saint and do a project on the life of that Saint. This endeavor should be *fun and faith filled* and will incorporate the whole class! Each student should choose and research one Saint and then “present” what they know about that Saint to the class.

IN PERSON students must pick a Saint to research. Answer the 4 questions below and present it to your class on **Sunday, October 29th.**

- o Saint Feast Day
- o Patron Saint of
- o Impressive thing about this Saint or Life Lesson that I learned from the Saint or Quotable Quote that the Saint said
- o Final Fact that I would like to say about the Saint.

HOMESCHOOL students must pick a Saint to research. Answer the same four questions above and *create your own video answering these questions and email it to Danielle Sibia at homeschool@starcc.com.* The video should be no longer than 3 mins long. These are due by October 29th, 2023.

Resources for finding a Saint online are below:

www.americancatholic.org
www.catholic.org
<http://www.catholic-pages.com/dir/saints.asp>
<http://catholic-saints.info/>

Please contact your catechist or Danielle Sibia at directorreligious@starcc.com or 203-652-1171 if you have any questions.