

October 3, 2011

Dear Parents,

On All Saints Day, Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, the second graders will be celebrating the lives of the saints!

Students will come to school dressed as their saint. They will be part of the entrance procession at our all-school Mass. We will gather afterwards and the students will share their saint stories with families and friends. Immediately following, parent volunteers will take students in groups of three to five to visit the elderly and shut-ins of our parish to share their reports with them. We will eat a late lunch when we return.

In religion class today, we talked with the students about choosing a saint. The students are to think very carefully about which saint they would like to learn about. Some students like to choose the saint that shares their name, or the saint whose feast day is on their birthday. There may be other saints that are important to your family. We hope to have a good variety of saints so that the students may learn about many of these great role models. We ask that you spend time this week thinking about the saints, and deciding which two saints your child is most interested in learning about. Look through a book about the saints. There are also websites devoted to the saints; just be careful to search for "Catholic" saints. We will have links on our classroom webpages. You should also begin to decide what costume your child will wear. Think about the symbols associated with the saint and be creative! You can easily find pictures of the saints in books and online. The students really enjoy wearing the costume and teaching others about their saint.

The students' top two choices are due Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. Please help them fill-out the Saint Request Form. We will review the choices and assign your child one of their two choices by Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. The children will also receive a worksheet to help them do research and gather information about their saint.

After your child has been assigned his/her saint, you may begin helping them answer the questions on the worksheet. You may want to look in the public library for a book about the saint that you can read with your child in the evenings or weekend. The completed worksheet will be due on Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. We will put that information into paragraphs and practice reading it aloud, but you will also want to practice with your child at home so he/she is able to read in front of a group.

Thank you for all your help with this very meaningful project. We could not do it without you, and we know that the students learn a great deal about the lives of the saints! We like to think of the second-graders as "saints-in-the-making".

Please keep this letter for reference. Contact us if you have any questions.

Blessings,

Cheryl Sostarich  
Terri Davis

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DUE DATE: Friday, October 14, 2011

### Saint Request Form

Please spend time thinking about the saints. All of the saints are good role models for us. There may be saints that are particularly special to you. You might want to know more about the saint that shares your name or the saint whose feast day is on your birthday. There might be a saint that is important to your family. Which two saints are you most interested in learning more about? Use this space to write your top two choices and explain why you want to learn more.

Thank you!



The first saint I am interested in learning more about is

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I want to learn more about this saint because

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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The second saint I am interested in learning more about is

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I want to learn more about this saint because

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DUE DATE: Monday, October 24, 2011



Ms. Sostarich and Mrs. Davis have assigned you a saint. You may begin learning more about the life of your saint. Remember to also be thinking about a costume so you can dress-up to look like your saint. Answer these questions:

What is your saint's name? \_\_\_\_\_

When did your saint live? (Before Jesus or after Jesus?)

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Where did your saint live?

\_\_\_\_\_

Tell two things that happened to your saint during his or her lifetime.

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(there is more on the back of this paper)

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What is your saint the patron saint of?

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When did your saint die?

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When is your saint's feast day?

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Why do you think people should remember this saint?

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