

October GIFT - Home Work

Families should do the homework for the month BEFORE the GIFT session so that everyone will be prepared.

November 1 is a special day called the Feast of All Saints. It is the day the Church celebrates with all the people who have died and are now with God in heaven. Everyone who has lived and died in Jesus' love is a saint.

When we think of the saints in heaven, we think of saints who are special to us. Many people are named for special saints. For example, if someone's name is Elizabeth or Francis, his or her patron saint would be Saint Elizabeth or Saint Francis.

Saints are people who love Jesus and share his love with others. We can all live like the saints even while we are still on earth. God calls each of us to be saints.

In October 2 new people will become saints in and November, we will celebrate our patron saint – St. Charles Borromeo.

This session will help us to learn more about saints and our newest saints.

1. Learn about Oscar Romero.

Watch the video and then discuss:

<https://vimeo.com/135511448>

Discuss with your family:

1. Where was Oscar Romero from?
2. What did he do?
3. What did Oscar Romero believe in?
4. Why do you think he became a saint?

2. Learn about Pope Paul VI

Paul VI was born in Italy. He was ordained a priest in 1920. During World War II he was in charge of the Vatican's work for refugees and prisoners of war. He became the 263rd Pope from 1963 until his death in 1978.

Paul VI was known as the "pilgrim" pope for his numerous travels. He was the first pope to fly in an airplane.

Blessed Pope Paul's greatest accomplishment was the completion and implementing Vatican II. Vatican II was a council that brought changes to the Catholic church during the early 1960's. This included changes in how sacraments are celebrated and using ordinary language for the Mass.

Discuss with your family:

1. When did Pope Paul VI live?
2. What did he do?
3. What was he known for?



3. Learn about St. Charles Borromeo

Feast Day: November 4
Born: 1538 :: Died: 1584

Charles was born in Italy. He was the son of a rich Italian count and the nephew of Pope Pius IV.

He seemed to be a slow student because he was not a good speaker, but he became a lawyer at the age of twenty-one.

As a priest and later the cardinal archbishop of Milan, St. Charles was a model for his people. He gave away great amounts of money to the poor. He had only one shabby cassock (long black habit) of his own. But in public, he dressed as a cardinal.

He was never a good speaker - people could barely hear him but his words reached the hearts of the people.

When a terrible disease caused many deaths in Milan, Cardinal Borromeo spent all his time caring for his people. He organized crews of attendants and borrowed money to feed the hungry. He even had altars set up in the streets so that the sick could assist at Mass from their windows.

This great man was never too busy to help simple people. He died on November 3, 1584.

NAME: _____

Saints are Called

Go to <http://saintsresource.com/saints-index-alphabetical> or use a saints book that you have to learn about saints and choose 2 saints to learn about. Then, fill out this sheet.

	How was this saint called?	How did the person respond to the call?	Did anything surprise you about this calling?
Paul VI			
Oscar Romero			
St. Charles Borromeo			
Saint of your choice			
Saint of your choice			

Name: _____

I'm No Saint . . . or Am I?

Although the Church gives certain people the official title of "saint," we are all called saints because we are part of the Communion of Saints, all people who are followers of Jesus. Let's think about some of the things that make us saints.

1. My greatest strengths as a person are:
2. If I were to describe myself in one word it would be:
3. People can count on me to:
4. I work to make the world a better place b :
5. Things I do to keep my friendship with God healthy and strong are:
6. I would make a good patron saint of because: