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Dear 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Parents:

Our students will spend time this year learning about the saints. We thought it might be fun if each student picked a "Companion Saint" to learn about throughout the year. We are asking that you spend a little time over the next two weeks looking for a saint with your child. Finding a connection such as:

- a.) *Bearing the saint's name.*
- b.) *Sharing a birthday with the saint's feast day.*
- c.) *Having a hobby or quality that connects with the work of a particular saint.*

These are only three of the connections that can help get you started as you look for your saint. One of the best resources is available free on the internet at [www.catholic.org](http://www.catholic.org). Choose **Saints and Angels** from the left column to find an extensive list. We also have books available in our resource center. The students should have their saint picked with some facts about them for the **October 3<sup>rd</sup> class**. They will begin creating posters, (*look for pictures and symbols they can draw to represent their saint*) about their saint to carry with them at the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Saints Mass on October 31<sup>st</sup>. We hope this will become a fun way for the kids to learn more about the role models in the Catholic Church.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teachers

***Some facts to look for:*** *Not all saints will have everything listed below and some may have different, interesting facts that are not listed. Use this list to help you gather information and bring it with you to class on **October 3<sup>rd</sup>** to begin work on your poster.*

**Saints name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Feast day:** \_\_\_\_\_

**What this saint is noted for:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Symbol of the saint:** \_\_\_\_\_

**What this saint is the protector of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Traditions this saint started:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Special prayer for this Saint:**