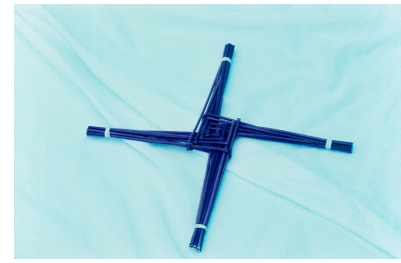




**Pope John Paul II Award
Monthly Meeting
February**

Theme:
St. Brigid



Opening Prayer:

Dearest Lord, teach me to be generous; teach me to serve you as You deserve; to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labour and not to ask for reward save that of knowing I am doing Your Will.

Ice breaker:

The candy game

Pick a multi-colored candy, such as Skittles or M&Ms, and place them into a large bowl. At the start of the meeting, pass the bowl around and instruct attendees to take as many as they want but refrain from eating them.

Each person then has to answer a question for each color they take. For example, everyone with a red piece of candy may have to answer, “What’s your favorite book?”

Input:

- St. Brigid is said to have been greatly influenced by hearing Saint Patrick preach when she was a young child.
- She was particularly known for the love and kindness she showed to the poor as well as animals she tended to in her father’s house.
- It is said she once even gave away a treasured jewel-encrusted sword of her father’s to a leper. Can you imagine his reaction
- St. Brigid was said to have been very beautiful and attracted the attention of many men who wanted to marry her.
- She wanted to give her life totally to God and so she prayed for her beauty to be taken away.
- Eventually her father gave in and Brigid became a religious sister.
- Received the religious veil from St. Mel.
- Founded her first convent with 7 nuns.
- Founded convents all over Ireland including Kildare where she was Abbess: one of most prestigious monasteries in all of Europe which became a cathedral city and famous school.
- Was often called on as a peacemaker.
- Her feast day (February 1st) was celebrated in Luxemburg by the 8th Century, and her relics were being venerated in Switzerland!
- Many wells and places have been named after her, even the Bridewell in London

St. Brigid, teach us to love God with all our hearts and to see Christ in those who are poor and in need. Pray for us, that we may share God’s love generously. Amen.



Check in with Activities

Check in with how everyone is getting on so far. Check cards to see they are being filled in and completed.

Ice breaker

Closing Prayer

God our Father,
Saint John Paul II tells us to trust Christ;
To listen attentively to his teachings,
To fix our eyes on his face,
To persevere in listening to his Word,
To allow him to focus our search and our aspirations and all our ideas and the desires of our heart.

Help us God our Father,
to do this so that all the actions
and decisions of our lives are done with Jesus
who is our Savior and friend for ever and ever.
Amen.

Our Lady of Knock pray for us, and for the young people of Ireland.

Refreshments