



## Pope John Paul II Award Monthly Meeting November



### Theme:

Feast of All Saints

“Be who you meant to be and you will set the world on fire”

### Opening Prayer:

*St. Catherine of Siena*

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:** Around the world

**Input:** November Feast of All Saints

Saints are all so different. Sometimes we can think of them only as cold statues, brightly lit stained glass windows or artistic paintings, and forget that they lived real lives with real struggles just like us. They had families and friends. They laughed and cried. They studied and faced exams. They lived and they loved. Some had to face enormous hardships in their families or from persecutors, some died a martyr's death, some never travelled far from home, some died young. Many didn't seem to achieve much in the eyes of the world. However, the one thing they all had in common was a deep desire to know, love and serve God in everything they did.

Catholic saints are important because they are ordinary people who chose to live in an extraordinary way by putting God first in their lives. They show us that holiness isn't just for priests or nuns, but for everyone—students, workers, parents, and even teenagers. Saints inspire us by their courage, kindness, and faith, whether they stood up for what was right, cared for the poor, or trusted God during hard times. Catholics also believe saints can pray for us, like friends in heaven who support us on our journey. Learning about their lives helps us see how we, too, can make a difference in the world by following Jesus.

Saints are important today because they remind us that living with faith, love, and courage is possible in any time or place—even in our modern world. Their stories show how ordinary people can face struggles, doubts, and challenges but still choose kindness, justice, and trust in God. Saints also serve as role models for values we still need today, like compassion for the poor, standing up for what's right, and caring for others. For many Catholics, saints are also seen as friends in heaven who can pray for us and help us grow closer to God. In a world that can sometimes feel overwhelming or divided, the saints give us hope and inspiration to live with purpose and make a positive difference.

**Links on the life of the saints:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d97Vn7q2n3l>



## 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.

## Saints Scavenger Hunt” 🕵️♂️

Goal: Get participants moving, searching, and learning saint facts.

How to Play:

1. Write saint facts or short clues on slips of paper (e.g., “This saint cared for lepers in Hawaii” → St. Damien of Molokai, “This saint was a soldier and a martyr” → St. Sebastian).
2. Hide the slips around the room (or outside if possible).
3. Divide players into teams. Each team gets a list of saint names (without the facts).
4. Teams search for the hidden clues, then match each clue to the correct saint on their list.
5. First team to complete their list wins!

## 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 Saviour and friend for ever and ever.  
Amen.  
Our Lady of Knock pray for us, and for the young people of Ireland.

## Refreshments