

All Souls' Remembrance



Dear Parents:

During November we remember the anniversaries of the death of people we knew and loved. We might bring flowers to their graves as signs of our continuing love and prayers. We often save pictures and mementos of the loved ones. We know that death can separate us only for a while.

On this Feast of All Souls, and throughout the entire month of November, the school community will recall our deceased relatives, friends, and all the faithful departed who may yet be waiting for the full joy of heaven. Christians have always prayed for those who have died. Anniversaries of death have been regarded as "birthdays" to new life. In the eleventh century, St. Odilo, who was an abbot at Cluny, required that his monasteries pray for all the dead on the day after All Saints. Soon this custom spread.

The St. Mary's School Community will be praying for the faithful departed who live in the hearts and minds of each of your families. If you would like to have someone in your family remembered in prayer, please fill out the attached sheet and return it to school. These sheets will be placed in a special "Book of Remembrance" on display in the school lobby during the month of November. (You may want to write a brief description of the relationship to the deceased, e.g. Joey's grandfather).

Blessings,

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