

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Assignment: All Saints' Day Altar Project**

**Due: Tuesday, Nov.1, 2016**

*8<sup>th</sup> Grade Religion Class*

**Project Summary:** To celebrate All Saints Day and remember those who have died, students will build a small altar honoring someone who has passed away. In addition, they will write a three paragraph summary about that person's life, interests and importance to the student. In total, this project is worth 100 points.

**Altar Details:** Students will build a small altar at home from shoe boxes and other recycled materials and decorate it with festive colors. The altar should include the name and a picture of the honoree. The altars are made more personal when they include favorite foods, activities or stories of the honoree. The dimensions should be 2' x 2' at most and should be able to sit on top of a table. Please do not spend a lot of money on decorations for the altar. They often resemble a tiered cake. For example, start with a flat pizza box, then add 4 toilet paper tubes on end, and then stack a shoe box on top of that. Decorate the faces of the shoe box with photos of the honoree and set items representing them on the surfaces of the box. You can use their favorite colors to decorate the altar. You could make tissue paper flowers for decoration. There are many ideas available on the internet. See the next page for more information on the origins of this tradition.

**Written Summary Requirements:** Students should write a character summary consisting of, *at least*, three paragraphs which includes the name of their honoree, their birth and death dates, and their relationship to one another (friend, grandparent, etc.) Include information about the honoree's personality and character to help us get to know and understand them. If you have a story about them or a story or joke they liked to tell, that would be great. The more personal details you include, the better!

### **Project Timeline:**

**Monday, October 24th:** Return the attached form indicating who you will be honoring with your altar and summary. Please have a parent sign to indicate that they are aware of this assignment.

**October 24-31:** Build altars and write summaries at home.

**Nov 1:** Bring in your altar and summary to share and display. Due to limited space, please do not bring in altars ahead of time unless arranged with Mrs. Souza or Miss. Enrico.

### **Parents and Families:**

You are invited to our classroom on Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. to tour the altars, take part in a short prayer service and celebrate the lives of those who have passed. Refreshments will be served.