



# TO TEACH AS JESUS DID

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## SACRED Space



### Canticle of the Sun

O Most High, all-powerful, good Lord God,  
to you belong praise, glory,  
honor and all blessing.

Be praised, my Lord, for all your creation  
and especially for our Brother Sun,  
who brings us the day and the light.

He is strong and shines magnificently.

O Lord, we think of you when we look at him.

Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Moon,  
and for the stars

which you have set shining and lovely  
in the heavens...

Be praised, my Lord, for Brother Fire,

Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Earth, our Mother,  
who nourishes us and sustains us,  
bringing forth fruits and vegetables of many kinds  
and flowers of many colors.

Praised be You, my Lord through those  
who grant pardon for love of You  
and bear sickness and trial.

Blessed are those who endure in peace,

By You Most High, they will be crowned.

Praised be You, my Lord through Sister Death,  
from whom no-one living can escape.

Woe to those who die in mortal sin!

Blessed are they She finds doing Your Will.

No second death can do them harm.

Praise and bless my Lord and give Him thanks,

And serve Him with great humility.

**The Catholic Toolbox - Halloween  
Crafts: Let's turn to Joe Paprocki,  
author of this year's FFL/CSA study  
book, who offers these Halloween  
ideas.**

<http://catholicblogger1.blogspot.com/2013/10/christian-halloween-activities.html>

These ideas offer alternatives to the customary Halloween activities. They are simple suggestions to start you thinking and planning. Add your own creativity and there's no limit to the possibilities for family fun! Go to the web site where there are links for all of these ideas.



## For Teenagers, Teachers and Catechists Adult Faith Sharing Groups Halloween: Celebrating Like a Catholic by Jennifer Miller

<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/blog/index.cfm?id=163&repos=6&subrepos=7&searchid=1652691>

Ready or not, Halloween is just around the corner. This is the second highest grossing commercial holiday in America, and also one of the most controversial. Fundamental Christians believe it should be completely rejected because it has roots as a pagan celebration, and some Catholics feel a need to change the focus completely away from secular celebrations.

The link to the article suggests ways to celebrate Halloween that do not so much reflect the dark heritage of Halloween but rather emphasize our Catholic celebratory ways:

1. Embracing life around us
2. Going retro and having fun
3. Day of the Dead recognition honoring our Mexican brothers and sisters
4. Let the saints go marching in



## NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS (ISAAC JOGUES, JEAN DE BREBEUF AND COMPANIONS)

On October 19, we honor the six Jesuit priests and two lay missionaries who we have come to know as the North American Martyrs. Their work for the Lord began in Canada, which was discovered by Jacques Cartier in 1534. One hundred years later, in 1636, Father Isaac Jogues, Father Jean de Brebeuf and Rene Goupil, a layman with medical training and other helpers were sent from France to preach the Gospel to Native American tribes in Canada and America. The Native Americans, who did not trust new settlers, did not welcome these faith-filled men. They did not care that these were men of God. The Native Americans only knew that settlers had cheated them in the past and had taken their best hunting grounds. The missionaries first worked among the Huron tribes. They built a mission near an Indian village. They were accepted by the Huron because they tried to help them, nursing them through illnesses and teaching them new farming skills. Because the members of Iroquois tribe and the

Huron were enemies, the Iroquois believed that the missionaries were also their enemies. Over the next eight years, these brave missionaries were brutally killed. We know many details about their work among the Native Americans and their deaths because of the letters and journals they wrote. The retreat center in the Archdiocese of Dubuque is named for these saints: the American Martyrs Retreat House in Cedar Falls.

### Looking Ahead: Litany of the Saints for Kids

Want to be ready to celebrate All Saints Day with your students? Go to

<http://www.catholicicing.com/making-a-family-litany-of-saints-with-catholic-kids-printable/>

Copy this page and send it home in late October. Have families fill it out together and then use the litanies from your students in discussion and prayer time in early November.



### “Pumpkin Prayer”

This prayer was previously offered but was requested yet again.



{cut off top of pumpkin} - Lord, open my mind so I can learn new things about you.

{remove innards} - Remove the things in my life that don't please you. Forgive the wrong things I do and help me to forgive others.

{cut open eyes} - Open my eyes to see the beauty you've made in the world around me.

{cut out nose} - I'm sorry for the times I've turned my nose at the good food you provide.

{cut out mouth} - Let everything I say please You.

{light the candle} - Lord, help me show your light to others through the things I do. Amen. *By: Liz Curtis Higgs*

### FROM THE RESOURCE CENTER

Many parishes and schools are placing a high emphasis on “prayer” for their faith formation sessions this year, in conjunction with this year’s Catechetical Sunday theme of “Prayer: The Faith Prayed.” The ERC has curated a variety of resources that are available both through the ERC and for immediate access online. You can find many of these resources on the Archdiocese of Dubuque Pinterest boards. You will find one prayer board for youth and another for children. For more resources on prayer, or for further details, contact the Education Resource Center. Access the prayer Pinterest boards, as well as other catechetical Pinterest boards, at:

<https://www.pinterest.com/dbqarch/>



Prayer: Youth



Prayer: Children