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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Our first Wednesday in November is a Holyday of Obligation. It is the celebration of All Saints. All Catholics are required to attend Mass for this Holyday. Who are the Saints we are celebrating? Certainly, the Saints that are named on the Church Calendar. But it, also, includes all those named or unnamed who have entered into the presence of God for eternity. We hope, pray and work on this earth that someday our day of celebration will be on All Saints Day. All levels of students will attend Mass on Wednesday, Nov. 1. Please, arrive at the regular time – 4:30. Students in Level 1-4 will be dismissed from church. Parents must enter Church to meet the children.

There are several important Sacramental dates in November. I did send a letter home to involved parents. Look in your child's folder if you have not yet received it. Enrollment Masses for Level 3 and 8 will be Nov. 11 at 5PM or Sunday Morning at the 9:30AM Mass. We acknowledge the children and families at these Masses. Level 3 parents whose children are receiving First Penance in March will have their mandatory meeting on Monday, Nov. 13, in Friendship Hall at 7PM. Thank you to Level 7 and 8 parents who attended the Confirmation Meetings last month.

We celebrate our final Sunday of the Church Year on Nov. 26th. It is the Solemnity of Christ the King. Advent begins on the Vigil Mass on Dec. 2nd. You may want to begin now to consider a family project for the Advent Season which will focus on the religious preparation for the celebration of Christmas. It is so hard in our society to remember that Christmas is a religious celebration.

The Catechists and I wish you and your families a very Happy Thanksgiving! If you are in town you may want to do something special and attend Mass in gratitude to the Lord for all His goodness to us. We are a blessed people considering all the problems there are in our world. We have homes. We have water. We have electricity. Blessings!

Christ's peace be yours,

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