**Patron Saint of the Day**

**Goal**

* **Saint Awareness without cutting into Catechist teaching time**

**Method**

* The Door Holder has a basket of goodies (candy, pretzels, etc…), and if the students can tell the door holder the Patron Saint of the Day, they get a piece of candy.
* Challenge Increases as year goes on (gave to everyone, couldn’t ask a friend, now saint + interesting fact)

**Family Communication**

* **Bulletin Posting -** This is an example of a bulletin posting I have so my parents are aware:
  + *Be prepared to say* ***1 fun fact about the patron saint of the day****!**You can find the patron saint in the bulletin or go online and Google patron saint of the day along with the date!* *Did you watch this YouTube yet -* ***Google All Saints Day Pep Talk.***  *It’s a quick YouTube video that explains why we love the saints!*
* **Email Blasting -** I do monthly *Family Email* in which I mentioned this new saint idea. The students were the ones doing the advertising, because if they showed up and didn’t know the saint, they didn’t receive a treat. This was motivation enough to come prepared the next week.

**Feedback Thus Far**

* **Positive -** When the students are entering the building, all you can hear is chatter about the Saint of the Day (especially if they are martyrs and have a “interesting stories”).
* **Negative** - Cost of Candy! Majority of the students are showing up with the information, so I am going through bags of candy so fast!

**Online Resources**

* [www.catholic.org](http://www.catholic.org) - Great Short Videos!
* [www.americancatholic.org](http://www.americancatholic.org)

**Moving Forward - What would I Change?**

* Nothing at this point!
* More educating on why we call on saint as intercessors
* Devotion - Choose a patron they remembered from this year to pray to that saint all summer long



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