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Are you aware that we will soon be ending the month of October, and the month of November will be with us soon. At the end of October is Halloween (or *Hallowed Eve*). Then the beginning of November is “**All Saints Day**” and the very next day is “**All Souls Day**”. On **All Saints Day** we honor **all** the people who have gone to heaven (not just the ones who have been canonized). So, maybe your parents, grandparents, and other loved ones may be in that group who have gone to heaven. But if they are not in heaven yet, we can send special prayers their way the very next day, **All Soul’s Day**. Those two days are very special to me, as I think of all my relatives who have already left us here – I trust they are in heaven but if not, I remember them in a special way on All Soul’s Day. It saddens me when people use Halloween to play **tricks** on people, that is not what Jesus would do. He would use it to think of all of our loved ones who have died, those in heaven and those who are hoping to still get there. As I had probably told you, all of my immediate family have already died, but I am trusting they are either in heaven or will be there soon.

As I listened to the Bishop’s Mass on television the other day, here are some of the words I heard and that have stayed with me: “*The Lord has done great things for us. We are filled with joy...*” and “*Never permit me from being separated from you.*” I pray that this will be true for all of you.

God bless all of you!

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