Third Grade Saints Project

For third grade students at St. Patrick School, their participation in the school's All Saints Day Mass represented culmination of a month-long project where they learned about the Saints. The students chose a Saint, wrote a report about the Saint, and then dressed up as that Saint on All Saint's Day. The first objectives of the project were to teach the children how to research factual information and how to write a report with a bibliography. In order to learn researching skills, the children completed an outline. The outline focused on an introduction, description of the Saint, and a conclusion. They not only found information in books, but they also learned how to use reliable websites that end in .org rather than .com. The teachers used the Smart Board to show the children how to navigate through these websites in order to find the information needed in order to complete their outlines. They worked with each other to share their ideas on discovering these facts, such as where the Saint was born and when the Saint was canonized. The children had fun ending their report by telling us how they could be more like their Saint! At the Mass, the children were able to tell Father Bob about the Saints they chose. Another objective of the project was to teach the children a greater understanding about the Mass. The entire third grade participated in the school's All Saint's Day Mass by reading scripture, the Prayer of the Faithful, or singing in the choir.