**Recalling “Favorite” Jesuits, and Qualities**

The month of November begins with the Feast of All Saints. The Church has traditionally celebrated the All Hallows, or the Hallowmas festival, in honor of God and all his saints, known and unknown.

All Saints Day is one of the great feasts, as it recalls not just the heroes of the Pantheon of saints, but it honors as well all the unsung and unrecognized persons who have gone before us and are with God. This is at the core of our belief, that our life on earth will be followed by our heavenly reward. These are the persons - known to us - who have made it: achieving sainthood: even if they are not officially recognized or venerated by the Church with basilicas or schools in their names.

In our Ignatian Prayer Group, we've made a practice of selecting a Jesuit saint whose feast day is celebrated in that particular month, and then pausing to reflect on the life and accomplishments of that saint.

But this month, we break from our usual practice of singling out a canonized Jesuit.

Instead, tonight, let us reflect on the many unsung Jesuits who have touched our lives and undoubtedly achieved sainthood

And rather than name a litany of Jesuit candidates for sainthood, …

…let's instead recall those particular Jesuit qualities or characteristics that are saintly, and that the Jesuits in our lives have shown and modeled for us, because no doubt -- that is where we will find a great deal of commonality as we reflect.

What follows is by no means a complete list, but as I read through this description of saintly qualities, please call to mind the fine Jesuits who have touched your life, in one way or another:

**Saintly Qualities of the Jesuits I’ve known:**

**Devotion**

**Man for others**

**Intellect**

**Available**

**Practical**

**Courage**

**Sense of humor**

**In the World**

**Charisma**

**Humility**

**Others …**