

The Journey of the Saint Boards,

“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” – Ephesians 2:10

In preparing for our 20th Anniversary celebration, Moni Sledge brainstormed with all the Spiritual Room Parents last year to see how we could incorporate all classes into such a special Mass. The idea arose to highlight each classroom Saint into the Mass. Excitement filled the air, but nerves quickly multiplied with the thought of such a task at hand.

Not knowing where to start or how these Saints were going to be displayed, Mrs. Sledge gently reminded us to “pray about it, and it would all work out”. Prayers were offered asking God for guidance on this project to make something beautiful for the Mass. Mrs. Sledge had a beautiful vision that initially seemed impossible, but everyone prayed and trusted the pathway God placed before us.

We proceeded to contact local businesses to print a large double-sided image and quickly realized that the cost for such work was beyond our means. After leaving discouraged, we reached out to an SFA parent who had a contact with an international printing company. God placed this stepping stone before us. We were put in contact with the Way Huang Company from Taiwan. Without hesitation, the company decided to help and donated the prints for free! Our prayers answered! God is good! Through the intercession of God’s grace this gentleman’s heart was touched and he blessed us with these beautiful images.

We encountered the next hurdle immediately. Shipping from Taiwan would take time and cost a significant amount of money. A friend of the Way Huang Company just happened to be coming into

Yorba Linda the first week of August. This gentleman was willing to bring our images in an empty suitcase and hand deliver all 40+ prints. Each Saint image was beautifully printed as an 18x24 vinyl sticker. The impossible was becoming a reality with God's grace.

Our next puzzle piece to solve was what material to use to adhere the sticker to? Praying for guidance, the same SFA parent mentioned that her husband just started a new job at a plastic company, and without hesitation put us in contact with the company. Wow! God is good! Paragon Plastics had a sheet of plastic that perfectly fit two Saint images on one sheet. If the images were any taller or wider, the cost would have doubled. God solved a problem we didn't even know we had.

Looking for a way to make the Saint Boards look more finished, we found inexpensive lattice wood to frame the boards. Mr. Banuelos, a Grandparent of two SFA students, donated his time to sand, cut, stain, nail and glue all the wood pieces to each Saint Board. He immediately transformed the vision into a reality.

Through faith, prayers and God's divine plan, these beautiful Saint Boards were the wonderful backdrop to our 20th Anniversary Mass. Each Saint is now in their proper home, the classroom where they will be displayed for years to come. We hope that when each student, parent or staff member sees the image in the classroom that they remember God's work. The power of prayer is undeniable. We need to be open to God's messages and blessings. God's timing is the right timing!