# Marianist Moments

## Although Halloween has been embraced by the secular world, its foundations are firmly rooted in Catholic tradition.



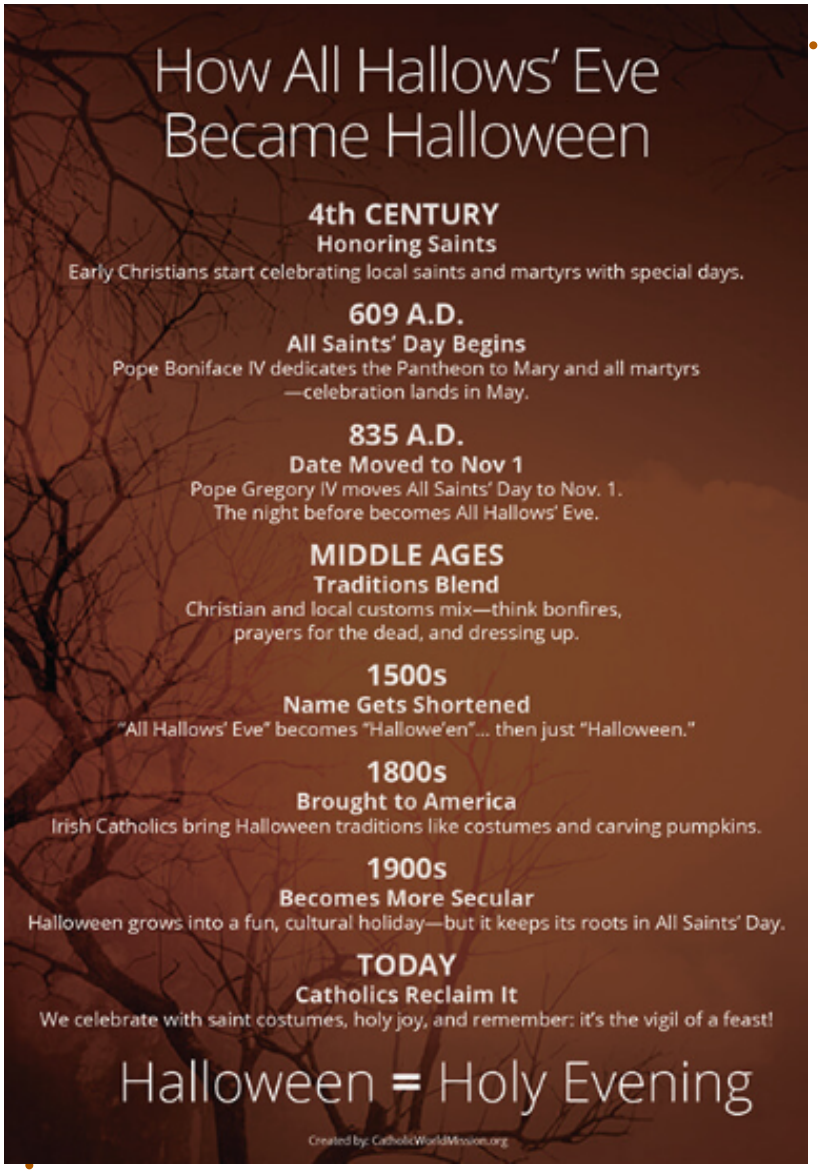

*Heavenly Father, as Halloween approaches, we seek Your wisdom and guidance.*

*Help us to make decisions that honor You and reflect Your goodness, truth and beauty. Protect our hearts and illuminate our minds, preventing any evil or darkness associated with this season from influencing our decisions.*

*May we engage positively with our community, and empower us to share Your love and the Gospel with those around us. Help us to remember to reverence ourselves and our friends.*

*May our celebrations be filled with joy and peace, and may we shine brightly as a testament to Your glory. Holy Spirit, thank You for Your protection and for leading us in all things. Inspire us to glorify Jesus in all we do.*

*Through the intercession of all of the Saints of Heaven, of Mary's Immaculate Heart to Jesus' Sacred Heart, we pray, Amen.*

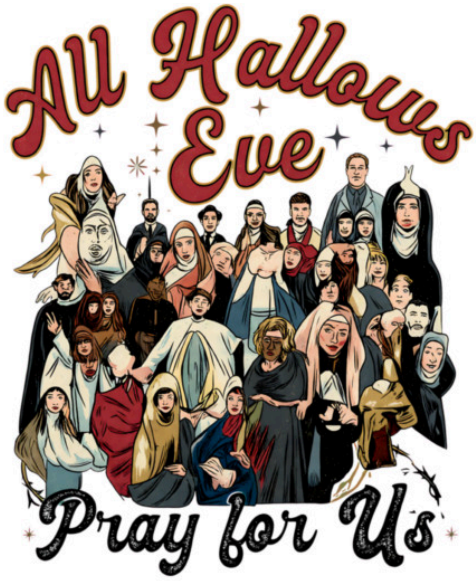



The word "Halloween"—or "Hallowe'en"—comes from *All Hallow's Eve*.

All Hallows Eve is the vigil celebration of **All Saints Day**—also known as **All Hallows Day**.

The word "hallow" means "holy." (In the Our Father we pray, "Hallowed be thy name.")

All Saints Day is a Holy Day of Obligation, and **a major feast** on the Church's liturgical calendar.




All Saints Day (November1) honors not only the saints in heaven whom we know by name, but also the countless saints in heaven **whose names are unknown to us**.

All Souls Day (November 2) honors all of our loved ones who have gone before us. We also pray for all of the souls in Purgatory.