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## Danny Murphy – All Saints day – 2017

We are going to get right into All Saints Day, but before we do, allow me, please, to share this story with you. Even though I know I have told you this story before, because the World Series is going on, I think this would be a good time for me to tell you this story again. The other day, they were playing a baseball game in heaven and God was watching. The first batter whose name was Love hit a single because "Love never fails." The second batter, whose name was faith also hit a single because "faith and Love always go together." The third batter whose name was Wisdom walked on four straight pitches, because "Wisdom would never swing at anything bad." Next up was the star of the team named Grace. On the first pitch, Grace hit a home run, a grand slam, the longest home run anyone had ever seen. God was clapping like crazy. Then God said: "In the game of life, Love and Faith and

Wisdom get you on base, then Grace brings you home." All saints day! Dorothy Day is being considered for canonization. Here is a quote from her: "Do not admire me, instead, imitate me." Try to keep that quote in mind as I share with you some aspects of Fr. John Kenny's life – remember, not admiration, imitation. How can, by imitating his life, may my life be enriched. Fr. Kenny died quickly after suffering a massive heart attack. For years, prior to that, Fr. Kenny had to deal with multiple medical and physical issues but you would never know it because he never complained. Remember: not admiration – imitation! Fr. Kenny achieved multiple academic accolades. He was a professor in colleges, universities, seminaries. He gave lectures in many cities on a wide variety of topics. His memory for facts and figures; for dates and details was impeccable. Fr. Kenny never boasted about himself. Remember: not admiration – imitation! Fr. Kenny had a marvelous sense of humor. It would be impossible to have a conversation with him, to hear a homily from him, to attend a lecture given by him without hearing him laugh out loud multiple times. He didn't take life; he didn't take himself too seriously. Remember: not admiration – imitation! All during his life, love, faith and wisdom got John Kenny on base, then on Sunday morning, grace brought him home!