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Fr. Danny Murphy – All Saints day – 2018

Today we honor the saints of yesterday and before we do that, let's see if you agree with me when I say that we are surrounded by saints today. Dorothy Day, whom some consider to be a modern day saint said that she never wanted to be considered a saint because she said that most people think of saints as being above them. Most people think of saints as being extraordinary and they think that they are only ordinary. So, Dorothy concludes, "Maybe people admire the saints, but they don't imitate them, emulate them." So, Dorothy continues, "I want you to imitate not just admire what I do: feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, care for the poor, work for peace. You don't have to be a saint to DO those things, but IF you do those things you become a saint." Having said all that, I am going to

suggest that we pause for a moment so that each of us can think of one person, who, by the way he or she lives their life, could be considered a saint. And then, think of one way you could imitate that person. (PAUSE) Now, we'll reflect upon some of the wisdom of the saints of yesterday, with the hope that by heeding their wisdom, we can become the saints of today. We'll start with Mary, the greatest of all the saints. Mary proclaimed: "Let it be done to me as you have said!" Do I have that kind of total trust, no matter what God allows to happen to me, God will see me through it and God will bring good from it? So, let it be done to me as you say. St. Francis de Sales, who said: "I would much prefer to go to hell for being too lenient, than for being too severe." Am I too severe with others? Am I too severe with myself? Do I give others, do I give myself the benefit of the doubt? St. Ignatius Loyola: "Take Lord, receive, all is yours now, give me only your love and your grace – that's enough for me." St. Teresa of Avila: "Let nothing ever disturb you, nothing!" DO I possess that inner peace; a peace that nothing can disturb? St. John of the Cross: "In the evening of your life you will be judged on one thing, and on one thing only – how well you have loved." Dear Jesus, none of us might ever be canonized, but please let all of us be counted in their number, when the saints come marching in! Amen!