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55 PLUS GROUP ---- SAGE = SPIRITUAL AGE
PRAYER IS THE CENTRAL AVENUE GOD USES TO TRANSFORM US..... Richard J. Foster

The 55 Plus Group welcomes each and all of you. Attending the October 1st luncheon meeting were thirty-seven members and guests. Louise Allen led us in prayer with a tribute to Our Lady poem by our own Wayne Allen.

Seven members enjoyed a beautiful, sunny day at the McBride Arboretum. Our guide was very informative and made the day one of the nicest.

Our "Spiritual Harvesting" day at St. Alphonsus was attended by 53 people from 11 different parishes. With only twenty of St. Mary's parishioners, 13 of which were workers, attending this year and the difficulty of getting a priest as a spiritual director for the day, perhaps the time has come to consider an alternative. We can discuss options at our planning meeting in December.

On Wednesday, October 15th we will be car-pooling from McGuan Park at 11:00 a.m. for a lunch-only at Parkertown in Bellevue.

All and everyone is invited to enjoy a bit of nature and halloween with us on Wednesday, October 29th. We will be car-pooling from McGuan Park at 10:00 a.m. to go to Carlisle Visitor Center in LaGrange, Ohio for a Halloween display and lunch at near-by Michelle's Café. Enjoy a walk on a short path through the woods with a Halloween display. There is also a sit-down, indoor bird observation area and/or you can view the outside unusual birds of prey. Everything is free except for lunch.

Where in all the world is there a ballet floating through the air as lovely as the dancing leaves of autumn? Pamela Vauil Starr

DID YOU KNOW??..... how jack - o - lanterns became a Halloween tradition? It is through an Irish folktale of a prankster named Jack. He played tricks on everyone, including the devil. Fooling the devil, Jack thought, would certainly lead him to heaven. But upon his death, heaven nor the devil wanted him and his conniving ways. So Jack was left to wander the earth with nothing but a small flame in a hollowed-out turnip. As the tale of Jack spread people placed carved turnips and potatoes around their homes on Halloween to keep Jack away. In the 1800's this Irish folk tale came to the United States where pumpkins became the "lantern" of choice. So now you know!!!

Our next luncheon meeting will be Wednesday, November 5th at Sugar Creek Restaurant at 11:30 a.m.. Come to enjoy the company and the food.

JMJ

Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated October 7th.....

Oh, Queen of the Rosary, Sweet Mother, do not depart from me.
Do not lose me from Your sight.
Accompany me everywhere and never leave me alone.
Because You protect me like a true Mother,
obtain for me the blessing of the Father,
the Son, and the Holy Spirit. AMEN