

Icon Prayer Boxes

Objective: Provide participants opportunity to inspire faith, hope and love in their lives and the lives of others.

Summary: Participants will be creating travel dyptich icon prayer boxes. They will make one to keep for their own use and one to be given to an individual that they think is in need of some faith, hope and love.

Needed Items:

- Empty Altoid tins
these may be purchased already empty on Ebay or you can purchase them in the local story and use the mints!
- Paper Icons
You can print these but may also be easily obtained by requesting parishioners to donate old prayer cards or catalogs such as Light and Life
- Printed prayers to fit one side of the Altiod tin
(suggested prayers: Lord's Prayer, O Heavenly King)
- Modge Podge
- Scrap booking paper
- scissors
- craft paint brushes
- small gift bags and tissue paper



Preparation:

View the provided website to see examples of the finished product.

<http://homeindouglas.blogspot.com/2011/06/icon-prayer-shrines.html>

Begin the session in prayer.

Explain to the participants that they will be creating a travel icon prayer boxes. These can be used on a daily basis in their icon corners at home, placed in

their lockers at school, carried in their back-packs or used for trips and vacations.

Show them a completed travel icon.

Allow the participants time to choose their icons, prayers, and scrap booking paper.

Have them begin by gluing the interior items first. Then allow them time to cover the entire exterior of the tin.

If you have any jewels left over from prior projects, allow them time to bejewel the exterior.

Explain that they can write specific prayer requests to store in their prayer boxes.

Spend some time in discussion with the youth as to whom they may gift their second icon box.

Once completed, have the participants write a short note to their prayer box recipient to be placed inside of the box. The note could read as follows:

Dear Friend,

This prayer box was crafted with love for you. My prayer is that it will help to bring you hope in times of need and faith in times of prayer.

Grant time for the participants to wrap their gifts.