LIFE (Learning In Faith Experiences)
In my way younger years I really, really enjoyed Halloween! Hopefully you can relate to the excitement of Halloween trick-or-treating door-to-door in the neighborhood with friends. For me it was also that we littles were escorted by my Mom, and we got to stay out after the streetlights had gone out! Now older, and I would like to think, wiser, the part of Halloween that I enjoy most now (besides greeting trick-or-treaters), is the two days that follow it! When originally known as All Hallows Eve, the ancient Celtic tribes would celebrate a new year and winter’s coming with the festival of the dead on the evening before November 1st (now known as Halloween).

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