BACKGROUND

From: ____________ Born/Died: _______________ Feast Day: _______________
Patron saint of: _______________ and _______________.
Personal motto: _______________________ (Italian) _______________________ (English)
which had a double meaning: 1. “Let’s __________________________ together!” and
2. “Let’s __________________________ together!”

WORD BANK

| 1  | Bread  | Drunk  | Jesus  | Rosary |
| 3 hours | Candle  | Eucharist | Mass  | Rosary |
| 4  | Carry  | Fasted  | Money  | Run    |
| 45 minutes | Church  | Fasted  | Never  | Saint  |
| 125 | Church  | Floor   | Newspaper | Shame |
| 10,000 | Communion | Fridays | Nights | Silent |
| Ankle | Confession | Gardener | Organizations | Sold |
| Anonymously | Daily  | Handsome | Parents | Table  |
| Atheist | Day    | Himself | Pool    | Tired  |
| Atheist | Dead   | Holy Hour | Poor   | Wouldn’t |
| Athlete | Dirty  | Hundreds | Prayers |       |
| Beautiful | Disgusting | Incorrupt | Priest |       |
| Bet    | Divorce | Jerome  | Priest  |       |

CLASS ACTIVITY NOTES

1. Pier Giorgio’s father was the youngest senator in Italy at the time and owner of a gigantic _______________ called La Stampa that is still on newsstands in Europe today.
2. All in all, Pier Giorgio’s father had A LOT of _______________. They had a number of homes and Pier Giorgio grew up in a life of maids, butlers, chauffeurs, and cooks.
3. Pier Giorgio’s dad was an _______________ and his mom was supposedly a Catholic but _______________ practiced her faith.
4. Pier Giorgio’s family never said _______________ at home (not even a blessing before meals), never _______________ during Lent, didn’t have any _______________ pictures on the wall, and never prayed the _______________, etc.
5. Pier Giorgio thought of becoming a _______________ but his mother essentially said, “I’d rather have you _______________”.
6. When Pier Giorgio brought a girlfriend home one time his parents said he couldn’t marry her because she was too _______________.

Pray for me!
7. Pier Giorgio started to go to ______________ Mass on his own (very early in the morning) without his parents finding out.

8. When at his parent’s country home, Pier Giorgio would have the ______________ come and wake him in the middle of the night so that he could sneak off to __________ without his parents finding out. Pier Giorgio had a rope tied to a __________ in his room that the gardener would pull on in order to wake him up.

9. When Pier Giorgio went on weekend skiing trips he would always make sure that it was near a __________. If not, he would pay for a priest to come out and say Mass for them on the train. If they couldn’t get a priest, he ______________ go on the trip.

10. Friends remember how Pier Giorgio was the only one who ______________ (from midnight until Mass the next morning) before receiving communion.

11. Pier Giorgio’s friends said, “Our ______________ couldn’t get us to go to church, our ______________ couldn’t get us to go to church, but Pier Giorgio could get us to church”.

12. Pier Giorgio wanted to say grace before eating meals at home but didn’t want to ______________ his family by praying right in front of them. Instead, his family would hear him running down the stairs, sliding down the banister, coming down the hall, and then stop and say his own ______________ grace just outside the dining room doors.

13. Pier Giorgio would sometimes wake up in the middle of the night, climb a mountain to get to Mass, come back home, and then pray a rosary by his bed before starting his day. Occasionally Pier Giorgio would fall asleep on the ______________ while praying the rosary. When his dad would find him, he would think Pier Giorgio had been sleeping there all night.

14. It would take Pier Giorgio ______________ to climb the mountain he needed to ascend to get to morning Mass, but for the average person it would take ______________.

15. Pier Giorgio’s parents didn’t know he was going to daily Mass, praying holy hours (1 hour of prayer in an adoration chapel), and that he sometimes spent whole ______________ in adoration.

16. Pier Giorgio would sometimes go to the ______________ hall where he would __________ his friends: “If you win I’ll pay you some money, if I win you have to come to a ______________ with me at the cathedral.” People remember Pier Giorgio coming to the cathedral with a group of friends.

17. Pier Giorgio knelt in such deep prayer that one time a ______________ was dripping hot wax onto him and the priest who came to move the candle saw that Pier Giorgio hadn’t even noticed because he was so focused on the ______________.

18. Pier Giorgio was very ______________ and a great ______________. He was a championship skier, mountain climber, and swimmer.
19. When climbing mountains or at the top of a ski hill and resting Pier Giorgio would say, “Let’s all say a ___________ together”. Pier Giorgio’s leadership and personality would get the group to join him in prayer.

20. When climbing mountains Pier Giorgio would pretend that he was _________ or had twisted his __________ and would lag back to walk with the slowest of the group (even though he was the strongest of the whole group). Pier Giorgio never made fun of the others who couldn’t keep up. In fact, oftentimes Pier Giorgio would help them ________________ their bags up the mountain.

21. Pier Giorgio’s friends said they never saw him get ______________. In fact, they said they never even saw him drink more than ______ glass of wine. Friends never heard him curse. Friends never saw him laugh at a __________ joke. Pier Giorgio was one of the guys, but also very separate from them because of the sins he wouldn’t participate in.

22. Pier Giorgio had a terrible voice (his friends would make him stand away from them when he sang) but he loved to sing and wasn’t ashamed to belt it out. Sometimes while on the bus if they passed a ______________ he would just start singing.

23. Pier Giorgio joined about 15 different Catholic ________________________.

24. When Pier Giorgio was just _________ years old he went with his grandpa to donate some money to a soup kitchen. Pier Giorgio saw a kid eating all by himself. The kid had a skin disease and so had to sit by ________________ , but Pier Giorgio went over and ate with him.

25. Poor people would oftentimes show up at the wealthy Frassati house. The house staff would tell them to leave, but Pier Giorgio would __________ after them, bring them back, and order that they be taken care of.

26. Pier Giorgio’s father gave him money to take the train to school everyday but Pier Giorgio would pocket the money and ride his bike to school instead. On the way to school he would use the train money to purchase loaves of day old Italian ________________ and then went through the poor sections of the city giving it to poor children.

27. When Pier Giorgio’s father gave him a car for his 18th birthday he __________ it that __________ and gave ½ the money to the St. Vincent de Paul Society (a Catholic charity) and the other ½ to families in need that he knew.

28. By the time he was 21, Pier Giorgio was supporting over __________ families all by himself (paying for things like rent, food, clothing, tuition for kids, etc.).

29. Pier Giorgio visited the sick every day after school, except on ______________ he wanted to do more (because Jesus had died on that day). On these days he would visit the sick and bring them food, bathe them, run errands for them, read the newspaper/Bible to them, etc. He walked ________________ of miles each year just visiting the poor.
30. A friend once asked Pier Giorgio, “How can you stand going to the homes of those poor people? They’re _________________, filthy, and smelly!” Pier Giorgio responded, “Jesus comes to me every morning in Holy ________________ and I repay him in my very small way by visiting the poor”.

31. When Pier Giorgio traveled with friends he would always give up his first class heated cabins or hotel rooms and choose to stay in the coldest one. When Pier Giorgio’s mother heard about this she said, “I don’t know why I bother giving money for your travels if all you do is let others use it.” Pier Giorgio responded, “Well it’s not money wasted on someone else because it’s given to ________________”.

32. Pier Giorgio did all of his work ________________ because his father was so popular and everyone knew him. He did not tell the people he helped that his name was Frassati but that his name was “Brother ________________”.

34. Over ________________ people came to his Pier Giorgio’s funeral. His parents were so stunned by all the people who came to the funeral that they decided to stay together (they were going to get a ________________ which back then was practically unheard of). They also converted their lives and then worked for the canonization of their son.

35. Pier Giorgio’s miracle used for his beatification came shortly after his death. An ________________ lay paralyzed and dying, refusing to let any priests come hear his Confession. A holy card with a piece of the bed sheet from Pier Giorgio’s deathbed was placed on him and prayers for his intercession were said. That night the atheist was miraculously cured. He immediately got up, went to the parish church in the middle of the night, banged on the door, woke up the parish priest, and made his ________________.

36. Playing off Pier Giorgio’s handsomeness, the newspaper headline on the day of his beatification read, “The Most ________________ Saint in Heaven”.

37. 54 years after Pier Giorgio’s death his body was unearthed. People weren’t expecting to find anything, but Pier Giorgio’s body was there and perfectly in tact. His eyes were open and clear and shiny. His clothing was soaking wet, his rosary had fallen apart, the wooden crucifix had rotted and the metal Jesus on it was rusted, but Pier Giorgio remained ________________.