

GUIDELINES FOR CHOOSING A CONFIRMATION NAME AND WRITING THE SAINT REPORT

How to Choose a Confirmation Name:



Picking a Confirmation name is an optional choice. Many families encourage candidates to choose a Confirmation name, as this was a tradition in their family. A name means a lot. When you think about it, your parents probably spent many hours thinking about what they would name you. Your name may have been chosen to honor a relative or friend, or even a saint that is special to your family. Names are important in our religious tradition as well. There are many references to being named in the Old and New Testaments of the Bible. When picking a Confirmation name, take some time to think about it. Do you have a Baptismal name? Is there a scripture story that is important to you? Do you have a favorite saint? Confirmation is an opportunity for you to reflect on what the promises made in Baptism mean to you, and how your union with Christ has continued to grow. Look to the scriptures and saints to determine who you believe is a true witness of faith.

Writing the Saint Report:

Each Confirmation Candidate is required to write a Saint Report featuring the saint whose name has been chosen as their Confirmation name and listed on the Confirmation Record Form. Hopefully, the candidate has chosen a saint that they can emulate as they grow in the Faith. They may select a certain saint who parallels their life situation or one after whom they are named. The candidate should not just pick a saint because they like the name; they should read about the saint and learn why the saint's life was heroic in virtue.

This report should be a **minimum of two typed pages, double spaced**, with a font not more than **12 PITCH**. A report which does not *fulfill all the requirements* will not be accepted. PLEASE DO NOT SUBMIT (TURN IN) YOUR REPORT IN A FOLDER. STAPLE THE PAGES TOGETHER AT THE TOP LEFT HAND CORNER.

The following information **MUST** be included in your report:

- † Cover Page (should include the name of the saint, name of the Confirmation Candidate, name of the teacher and the date)
- † Biographical information on the saint
 - dates and place of birth and death
 - description of saint's service to God and others
 - patronage of saint (What is he/she the patron saint of?)
 - Feast Day of the saint
 - symbol, if any, associated with the saint
 - circumstances of death
 - if the saint is a patron of any group, discuss the reason and significance
 - discuss any specific devotion(s) that are attributed to this saint
- † What was there about this person that moved the Church to name him/her a saint?
- † Personal influence of the saint on the Candidate including:
 - Why did the Confirmation Candidate choose this saint?
 - What is it about the saint that the Candidate would hope to emulate?
- † Bibliography information that should be included is as follows: - tell sources (where information about this saint was retrieved: ex. Butler's Lives of the Saints, Catholic Encyclopedia, individual books on saints, etc. Do **NOT** use Wikipedia or TURN IN A REPORT THAT WAS JUST A REPRINT OF ON-LINE INFORMATION.

Please remember that the Saint Report is to be completed on the name chosen as the Confirmation name. Additionally, you will only be allowed to use the saint name you indicated on the Confirmation Record Form. Each candidate **MUST** write their own report - **These reports are not to be plagiarized or written by parents.**

This report is to be turned in to the RE Office in the Parish Office Building and NOT turned in to your teacher!