

CONFIRMATION SAINT NAME REPORT

Almost everyone has two names: A first name and a last name. Your first name tells others who you are. Your last name tells others what family you belong to.

Names are a sign of identity. Maybe you were named after a saint, a family member, or both. If so, you may draw inspiration from the way they lived their lives, especially in the service of God and the Church. Your name probably means something too. For instance, my name, Matthew, means "gift of God," and this identity motivates me to try to be a gift, and be generous with what God has given me.

One of the benefits of the Sacrament of Confirmation is choosing, or reaffirming, your Christian identity by choosing a new confirmation name or sticking with your baptismal name. Because the Sacrament of Confirmation is an opportunity to enter into a deeper relationship with God and with the Church, the Church asks you to either reaffirm your Catholic-Christian identity by being confirmed with your baptismal name, or by choosing a new name, one of a saint or blessed in the Church, from whom you will draw inspiration. The Church's preference is that you are confirmed with your baptismal name, if it meets the condition, but all candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation, are invited to choose a new name for their Confirmation if they desire to. Your confirmation name is used in the ceremony.

Some websites that might help for your research:

www.catholicsaints.com

www.catholiconline.com

www.ewtn.com

<https://lifeteen.com/blog/biggest-best-list-confirmation-saints-guys-girls/>

CONFIRMATION (SAINT) NAME REFLECTION

Candidate's Name: _____

Name of Chosen Saint: _____

Saint's date of birth: _____ Saint's date of death: _____

Country where saint was born and/or lived: _____

When was this saint canonized? _____

Candidates are to write a two-page reflection paper on their chosen saint (typed, double-spaced, normal margins, 12-point font). The reflection paper should include:

- the above information
- summarize the saint's life and accomplishments
- summarize why you chose this saint

*****Attach this form as the cover page to your reflection paper*****