

Choosing a Saint's Name: Saint Report

The Holy Spirit has enabled Christians of every century to live like Jesus and become saints. We are ALL called to be saints. Saints are holy people who tried to follow Jesus with all their hearts. The saints were ordinary Christians, just like each of us. They relied on the Spirit and followed where the Spirit led. Saints have been men, women and children. Some were married and some were single; some were members of religious orders and some were laypersons. Saints have come from all parts of the world, from every age and from all walks of life. From heaven, saints continue to watch over and pray for the Church, for all of us. As Catholics, we remember and honor the saints because they show us how we can follow Jesus with all our hearts.

You can make one saint your patron/patroness for your Confirmation journey. If your baptismal name is that of a recognized saint of the Church, there is no need to select a new name for Confirmation. Using the baptismal name for Confirmation is preferred because it highlights the relationship between the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. You should honor this saint through prayer and imitation. You are asked to research the life and contributions of your chosen saint using at least two sources. **Start with the *57 Saints* book that you received last November at the Confirmation Enrollment Rite.** There are also more books of saints in our parish and SRRE libraries. You can also check out the following websites for ideas:

www.franciscanmedia.org/source/saint-of-the-day/

www.catholic-saints.info/

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Saint Report

Prepare a one page, typewritten report on your saint.

In the heading write your first, middle, saint's and last names.

In the report, be sure to answer the following questions:

- What was your saint's given name, if different from their 'saint' name?
- What century did your saint live in? (provide exact dates if available)
- What city and country did your saint live in?
- What was your saint's occupation?
- When does the Catholic Church celebrate your saint's feast day?
- For whom is your saint the patron saint?
- How did your saint live his/her life, follow Christ and make decisions to do God's will, even when it was unpopular?
- How was the saint like Jesus?
- How did the saint show a heart for or help others during his/her life?
- What contribution did your saint make to the Church during his/her lifetime?
- Name at least one virtue characterized by your saint's life.
- Explain how your saint's life characterized this virtue.
- Why did you choose this saint? (This would make a great closing statement for your report.)

**This report is due in the St. Raphael Religious Education Office by
December 6, 2018.**

Also, your catechist may ask you to share/read your report in class.