

CONFIRMATION NAME REPORT

(for Religious Education students who did not turn in a Saint Report in 7th-grade RE)

(DUE DATE: September 1)

(FHC School students will receive report guidelines from their religion teacher)

Many times in Scripture we read of individuals who take on a new or altered name as they take on a new mission from God (Abraham & Sarah, Paul of Tarsus, the disciple Peter). A Confirmation name signifies that you are in the process of answering God's call, and it can reflect a desire to model yourself after the person or saint whose name you have chosen. **Even if you have chosen a Confirmation name in recognition of a significant person in your life (not a Saint), you should still research a saint of that name and reflect that information in your report.**

You may use your given baptismal name since it expresses the relationship that exists between Baptism and Confirmation or you may choose another saint's name.

If a new name is taken, however, it should be the name of a recognized saint of the Catholic Church. If the Baptismal name is not that of a recognized saint, a new name should be chosen for Confirmation.

Names of saints are chosen to serve as patrons and models for those being confirmed. Candidates should choose a patron saint because of the attractiveness of their Christian life.

As part of your preparation for Confirmation, you are to submit a written report of at least one page on the saint whose name you will take for Confirmation. However, the report can take a number of creative forms. We especially want to encourage you to be as creative as possible in your use of technology or art. Possible presentation formats include:

- A written report of one page on your patron saint and a poster with highlights of the report;
- a slideshow created by Powerpoint (to include at least 8 slides);
- a "movie" created by Windows Movie Maker (free software available from the Microsoft website);
- a "storybook" or movie of the saint's life created at www.kerpoof.com (at least 8 pages).
- If you choose to create a slideshow, movie, or storybook, please also submit a printed copy.

What to include in your written report:

- Saint's name and feast day. Name or derivative you have selected to honor this special patron.
- Facts about your saint such as birthplace, occupation, years they were alive, family, etc.
- Important events in your saint's life that helped shape who they were and why they have been canonized.
- What they are specifically honored for and what they are the patron of, including how the saint is a model for Christians today.
- A photo or other image of the Saint depicted artistically (i.e., portrait painting, statue, etc.)
- What virtues did this saint practice in his/her life? (for definitions of virtues, go to: <http://www.loyolapress.com/theological-and-cardinal-virtues.htm>)
- What aspect of this person's Christian life attracted you?
- What prayer and/or songs are attributed to your saint?

Remember that your Confirmation Saint is someone whom you look to as a Christian model. Try to pick someone who may have had the same interests or did something that inspired you.

Web sites to help with Saint Reports: <http://saints.sqpn.com/>
www.catholic.org/saints
www.americancatholic.org
<http://www.loyolapress.com/saints.htm>
http://jclubcatholic.org/stories/saints_atoz.php
www.disciplesnow.com
(click on "Catholic 411," click on "Saints")

The Religious Education Resource Room at 200 Ridge also has a collection of books about saints.