

GUIDELINES FOR CHOOSING A CONFIRMATION NAME AND WRITING THE SAINT REPORT

How to choose a Confirmation Name:

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 a 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. The candidate may also choose from those that are listed as Blessed by the church.

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 Data 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 may be handwritten or typed and 100-150 words **minimum**.

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

1. Name of the Confirmation candidate, name of the Saint, their teacher's name, and the date
2. Biographical information on the Saint/Blessed:
 - Dates and place of birth and death
 - Feast Day of the Saint
 - Symbol, if any, associated with the Saint
 - Description of the Saint's service to God and others
 - Circumstances of death
 - Patronage of Saint (What is he/she the patron Saint of?)
 - 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.
3. What was there about this person that moved the Church to name him/her a Saint?
4. Personal influence of the Saint of the Candidate including:
 - Why did you choose the saint?
 - What is it about the saint that the you would hope to emulate?

Each candidate must write their own report – they may not be plagiarized, do NOT copy, and paste from the internet. They may not be written by parents.