

Saint Report

As Catholics, we believe in the Communion of Saints. We believe that the saints in heaven are examples for our life, intercede for us, and can help us to be strong disciples of Christ. Your parents may have chosen a saint name for you when you were baptized. **Now that you will be confirmed, you have the opportunity to research that saint or choose another saint.**

Keep in mind that the Bishop will ask you for your Confirmation name when he confirms you. He may also ask you to tell him about that saint and why you chose that particular one.

Using complete sentences and paragraphs, include the following information in your report:

- Who you chose (name of the saint).
- Where that saint lived.
- What time in history your saint lived.
- A short biography of what your saint did, including any special miracles or stories of faith that they were associated with.
- The saint's feast day.
- Indicate if the saint is a patron saint* of anything in particular.
- Why you chose this person (particular struggles or experiences this saint had that may have drawn you to choose him/her).
- Think of your saint as your personal cheerleader in heaven. Include a short prayer to your saint asking him/her to pray for you as you journey towards Confirmation. Pray this prayer often as you develop a lasting relationship with this saint.
- State the references (websites, books, etc.) that you used to research this saint

** What is a patron saint? Patron saints are chosen as special protectors or guardians over areas of life. These areas can include occupations, illnesses, churches, countries, causes – anything that is important to us. The earliest records show that people and churches were named after apostles and martyrs as early as the fourth century. (Excerpt taken from www.Catholic.org/saints/patron.php)*

Be sure to include your first and last name on your paper.

Please turn your Saint Paper in to the Confirmation Office.

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A short list of saints can be found in the white pages at the back of this handbook.

Good websites for research:

- www.catholic.org – Alphabetical list, Day of the month list, popular saints
- www.catholic-saints.info – Patron of Occupations and hobbies; A-Z list of saints
- www.catholicsaints.info – Saints of cities, states, countries, military, medical issues, family life
- www.franciscanmedia.org/saints - Saint of the day calendar

You must list the reference sites you used in writing your paper.