

Saint Report

Why do we need to have a patron Saint for Confirmation?

At Baptism, our parents give us a name. We also are given a name at Confirmation, but we choose it for ourselves. Traditionally, we choose a name associated with a Saint who is someone we ask to pray for us during preparation, when we receive the Sacrament, and for the rest of our lives. We choose the Saint for several reasons, but they become our “patron Saint” and their name becomes our “Confirmation name.”

How do I choose a patron Saint?

There are a number of reasons you may choose a particular saint:

- **You have read about a saint that interests you.** You may have heard or read the story of a Saint’s life, such as St. Teresa of Calcutta or Pope St. John Paul II.
- **You have a certain career in mind, a hobby you enjoy, or a characteristic you admire, and would like a Saint that is a “patron” of that thing.** For example, you may be interested in a career in medicine. You could research the patron Saint associated with medicine, for example, St. Luke.
- **Your family has a patron Saint.** If your family, parents or godparents have a special devotion to a Saint, such as St. Joseph, you may wish to choose that one.

How do I find out about saints?

There are several websites that are great for learning about saints. After you have learned the basic life story, you may wish to learn more by googling a website that has that saint’s name. Many saints have groups that have a special devotion to them and have created a website to help tell others about the saint. It would be good to research any prayers or writings of the Saint as well and include them when you pray.

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

www.catholic.org/saints

www.roman-catholic-saints.com

www.catholic-pages.com/dir/saints.asp

Why do I have to write a paper about my Confirmation Saint?

You will need to do research on your patron Saint, as well as be able to share what you have learned with others in your small group. The reasons you chose that saint may be personal, but you should be able to tell others about what makes that saint appealing to you.

What are the expectations of the report?

The report does not need to be long but should include two to three paragraphs summarizing the highlights of the saint’s life, what made him or her a saint, and why you chose him or her to be your patron saint for Confirmation. Be sure that you type the report and include your name and catechist’s (teacher’s) name in the top right-hand corner of the paper. You will read your report to your group.

Due no later than September 30th! Turn in to Jill Rump, Confirmation Director.