

## **...ON CHOOSING A CONFIRMATION NAME & WRITING YOUR SAINT REPORT...**

As a candidate for the celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation, you have two options concerning the choice of a Confirmation name:

1. Use your baptismal name (your regular first name!) This shows the connection with the first and second part of your initiation into the Catholic Church - Baptism and First Eucharist. To use your present baptismal name would demonstrate that you feel there has been a continual growth in your faith and you now wish to make this formal through Confirmation. Your baptismal name would be a Saint's name if you choose this option.
2. Choose a Saint's name that would symbolize a new beginning in your faith life and a connection with that particular saint. This would be especially true if you are not sure that you have been particularly strong in your faith and are now making a renewed commitment to the Catholic faith. This commitment would be symbolized by the new name you choose to show that in some ways you are now a new person. This new name would be used after your present middle name and before your family name.

The particular saint's name you choose would represent the direction you feel your faith life is taking or it could represent a strength or attribute you think you need. It is important and necessary to learn something about the saint you choose **BEFORE** you decide on that name. This option of taking a new name should not be used because you like the sound of the name, because it "fits" in with your other name, or because it is the name of a nice friend or relative!

***WHETHER YOU CHOOSE TO KEEP YOUR BAPTISMAL NAME OR YOU CHOOSE TO TAKE A NEW SAINT'S NAME, you are required to write a report about the saint you chose.*** This report will be reviewed by your teacher and kept in your Confirmation folder.

**DUE DATE: TBD**

**LENGTH OF REPORT:** The report should be at least two pages of content plus a source page. There should be a **minimum** of two sources: one from the internet and one or two book sources.

### **REPORT FORMAT:**

#### **I. An introduction**

Interesting information about the saint you choose.

#### **II. Biography**

- history, date of birth, location, family
- general information about the saint
- What did this saint do? What is the saint know for?
- canonization date, feast day

#### **III. Conclusion**

- Why did you choose this saint?
- What qualities do you admire in this saint?
- What characteristics would you like to imitate?

### **SOURCES PAGE**

Bibliography listed in alphabetical order

Book: Author's last name. First name. Copyright Date. Title of Book. Publisher. City.

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Remember to write the Saint Report as an actual report, instead of answering the list of questions. Feel free to also include any other information you find. If you have any questions or would like help, please let me know! 630-964-0216 ext.1210