

# **Called by Name**

## **A report on the name you've chosen for Confirmation**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Use the questions below as an information gathering tool to assist you in researching your chosen Confirmation saint and in writing the required report. See Sections 1.b. and 1.c. for specific guidelines on the format for the report. You may not be able to find the answer to all of the questions. You are not required to submit the answers to these questions – only the final typed copy of the report.

- 1.) Where and when was he/she born?
- 2.) Feast Day of the saint/angel you have chosen
- 3.) What do you know about his or her childhood?
- 4.) What was his or her family like?
- 5.) What was he or she like in adult life?
- 6.) What made him or her seemingly so special?
- 7.) How is he/she an example and model for you?
- 8.) What virtues did he/she practice in life?
- 9.) What is the one thing that you admire the most in his/her life?
- 10.) What is the one thing about him/her that you would want to imitate?
- 11.) If this person/angel lived today, how would he/she handle some present-day problems that you are facing in your life?
- 12.) What is the literary meaning of your Confirmation name?
- 13.) What language did it derive from?
- 14.) What country did it originate from?
- 15.) What virtue does this name represent and how can you live it in your life?

*Stop and listen to GOD calling you by this name.*

- 16.) What does this name say to you about yourself?
- 17.) What do you understand about yourself?

# Saint Report

**DUE DATE: February 28, 2021**

Each student preparing for the sacrament should select a patron saint, and will be confirmed using the name of that saint (A.K.A., your Confirmation Name). The saint should be carefully selected and should display some of the virtues that the student admires and will try to follow in his/her life.

There are so many saints. How can I choose one? Some students already know who they will choose for their patron saint. It might be the saint whose feast day is on their birthday or the saint who is patron of the profession they aspire to in the future. If you have no idea, read through some mini-biographies of different saints to find one who speaks to you. *NOTE: there are several levels in the canonization process. You may choose someone who has been declared a Saint or a Blessed by the Church. You may not choose any who have only been declared Servants of God or Venerable.*

The research paper: You must use **three sources** to gather information about your saint (books, encyclopedias, Catholic websites - you may NOT use Wikipedia as a source). **You MAY NOT copy information from a source and paste it directly into the paper.** If you need help on how to research and prepare a report, please ask!

- a. **FORMATTING THE REPORT:** The finished paper will be at least 4 pages long and stapled in the top left corner.
  - i. Cover Page is the first page and should include the student's name, catechist's name, Saint name, and a picture of the saint.
  - ii. There should be no less than **2 pages typewritten** (NO pictures or Large Headings between paragraphs) with the following specifications
    1. Margins of 1" on all sides
    2. Double spaced
    3. Font size 12-pitch
    4. Standard font (such as Times New Roman, Calibri, Arial, Comic Sans)
  - iii. The final page should be a bibliography or citations page (list of the sources you used to write the report). The paper will be returned if this page is missing.
  
- b. **WHAT TO PUT IN THE REPORT:** The report should include a brief summary of the life of the saint, a paragraph on why the student chose that particular saint, and a paragraph on the virtues the saint was known for and how the student intends to incorporate those virtues in his/her own life. See the "Called By Name" page in this packet for questions that will help you gather material that can be used in the paper. The student is **not** required to answer and hand in these questions in addition to writing the paper.
  
- c. Parents and/or sponsors are encouraged to assist the students with this paper.

Potential sources: [www.catholic.org/saints/](http://www.catholic.org/saints/), <http://www.ewtn.com/saintsHoly/>, <http://www.catholiccity.com/encyclopedia/saints.html>, [www.newadvent.com](http://www.newadvent.com)

