**Saint Projects – Choosing a Confirmation Saint**

Choosing a saint name is an essential part of Confirmation and it is an acknowledgement that the Holy Spirit will change you through the grace of this Sacrament. We see in Scripture that Jesus changed the name of some of his disciples to signify that their role had been changed and that they were becoming, in a sense, a new person. For example, Abram became Abraham (Genesis 17:5), Sarai became Sarah (Genesis 17:15), and Simon became Peter (Matthew 16:18).

When choosing a saint, you should choose someone who exemplifies a quality that you wish to have, somebody whose life you want to emulate, or somebody you have something in common with. You should also be asking for the prayers and intercession of the saint that you choose. When you choose a saint, and begin to pray for their intercession, he/she becomes your patron saint for the rest of your life! If you are a musically inclined, you might select St. Cecilia, the patroness of musicians and singers. If you admire purity, St. Maria Goretti, virgin and martyr, would be a great intercessor. There are thousands of saints that are acknowledged for a wide variety of reasons.

**SAINT RESEARCH**

Your assignment is to research and choose the Saint you wish to be your Confirmation saint name. A good online resource you can use is www.catholic.org/saints. There are many other sites with good information available also, but make sure you use a catholic site.

This project should be completed at home and turned in to your confirmation group leader, Mary or Margot. If you do decide to change your Saint after you have turned in your research project, you can still change to another Saint name if you let Margot know before you receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

**Due Date: January 20th, 2019**

**Your name:** _____ Sunday AM OR Sunday PM

**Saint:** _____

1. **What did you find most interesting about your saint?**

2. **What is he/she the patron saint of? (I.e. sports, animals, music..)**

3. **Where and when was this saint born?**

4. **Was this saint's journey toward holiness easy or difficult? Did this saint have more joy and happiness or suffering during his/her lifetime?**

5. **Where and when did this Saint die? Who did he/she die?**

6. **Why did you pick this particular saint?**

7. **What do you have in common with this Saint?**