



CONFIRMATION PATRON SAINT REPORT

A **patron saint** is someone already in heaven with whom we feel a connection, want to imitate, and from whom we request intercession throughout life.

- Each confirmation candidate chooses a saint as a patron and is confirmed under that patron saint's name.
- **The tradition of taking on a new name reflects a new role in life.** This is evident throughout the Scriptures, e.g. "Abram" was changed to "Abraham" which means "Father of Many Nations," and Simon was changed to "Peter" which means "Rock" because Jesus founded His Church upon him as the first pope.
- **When you choose a new name for your Confirmation, it should be the name of a saint you have read and learned about, admire, and want to imitate. You shouldn't choose a saint because you like his/her name. You should choose a saint that you want to be like.**

Practical Guidelines in Selecting a Saint

- You should be familiar with this saint's life. You should be able to identify similarities between you and this saint and/or want to aspire to be like this saint.
- The saint you select should be someone you look up to as a hero.
- You should develop a personal devotion to this saint and build a relationship with him/her through regular and constant prayer.
- You should try to learn about many of the saints; that way you will make a better decision choosing your patron saint. Moreover, the more saints you are familiar with the easier it becomes for you to request their intercession (even from the ones that are not your special confirmation patron); the saints are always eager and happy to help us.

SAINT REPORT Due March 4, 2012

The saint report must be a typed essay with at least three paragraphs. The report should be 1 and ½ pages long (not including the picture) . It must include:

- A Cover which contains the Saint's picture and name. Your name should be at the bottom right corner of the cover.
- A **brief biography** of the saint *written in your own words*
- An **explanation of the reasons why** you have selected this saint
- Ideas of **how you will develop your devotion and relationship** with this saint
- Include a **picture of the saint in your report** as well as **cool facts** about the saint: what he/she is a patron of, when they lived, and when they were canonized.