

Teacher will determine the due date.

Choosing Your Confirmation Name

The tradition of taking a saint's name in Baptism is an ancient practice in the church. The patron saint becomes a role model for the person and an example of how the Gospel can be lived in a practical way. In many Catholic countries today, one's saint's name day is celebrated instead of one's birthday. Saints are heroes of the faith who lived their life as examples of faith, hope, and love. We venerate them as we do members of our own families who have died and whom we continue to honor with their pictures in our homes.

The Sacrament of Confirmation gives us the Holy Spirit to strengthen and encourage us to live out our baptismal commitment to love and serve others, especially those most in need. We can either be confirmed with our original baptismal name or take a saint's name, who will also be a patron saint for us.

Research the saint's name you choose for Confirmation. You may use the Internet for interesting information on your saint and to find a picture. **You will do a brief presentation to your classmates about your saint name.**

Candidate Name: _____

The purpose of this saint project is to make the students familiar with the saint whose name they have chosen as their Confirmation name. Therefore, if they choose to change their Confirmation name, I understand that they will need to complete another Saint Project. (Please help guide them with their choice of name.)

Parent Signature: _____

- † The saint's name and a picture or symbol of the saint
- † Biographical information about your saint, including interesting information about the life of the saint, including his/her date of birth, where they lived and worked and other pertinent information about the life they lived that ultimately led to them becoming a saint. Do not read the information. Summarize in YOUR OWN words.
- † An explanation of why you chose this saint, including what qualities you admire about this saint and which characteristics you would like to imitate and why.
- † Write a *personal* prayer to your saint, asking them to help you during your preparation for Confirmation.

Be creative!