

SAINT REPORT (CHOOSING YOUR CONFIRMATION NAME)

This will be assigned by your Religion teacher

Your name gives you an identity. It tells others who you are. When you were born, your parents chose your name. At your baptism, you were called by name, christened to be a child of God. Your first name is your "Christian Name" and indicates your membership in the Christian community.

The hope would be that you choose to renew that calling in Confirmation by using your baptismal name. The Catholic Church tell us that "Confirmation is a moment when the baptized have the possibility of giving assent publicly to baptismal promises and of stating a personal acceptance of the faith into which one was baptized."

(Diocese of Lansing-Confirmation Curriculum Guidelines, pg. 12)

If a different name is chosen, it should be a reflection of a closer identification that you have developed with another member of the Christian Community. The only limit that is placed on your choice is that it should be a saint's name (or a variation of that name.)

When you have decided on a name, take the time to research the saint and find out some factual information about them. Once you have that information, it needs to be compiled with the following questions in a 1 ½ to 2-page report on a separate sheet of paper.

Questions that should be covered in your report need to include:

- Why is the name important to you? Why did you choose it? Did you choose it because you admire the saintly life of a person? Does it have special significance in your family's heritage? Write one paragraph about this topic.
- What qualities of the saint's life do you find most admirable? **Try to have at least three qualities of your saint in your paper and how you will try to become a better Christian by imitating these same qualities in your personal life. Be as specific as possible.** Along with these qualities you may put in some facts about the saint's life. You should have at least three paragraphs for this section.

Remember to end your report with a concluding paragraph.