

CONFIRMATION SAINT PROJECT

For this project, candidates will select a Saint whose faith witness inspires them to live a life of greater faithfulness. Candidates may select the name of this Saint as their Confirmation name or they may choose their Baptismal name. The church prefers that the candidate chooses her/his baptismal name. The Confirmation name is the name by which the candidates will be presented to the Bishop at the Sacrament of Confirmation Mass.

For this project, choose a Saint you admire who will be your model and spiritual companion for the rest of your life. Choose one with attributes you admire. (i.e. courage in the face of difficulties, dedicated to a rich prayer life, helping the poor, etc.)

Choosing a Saint is a prayerful process. Ask God to inspire you in your prayers and reflections as you discern the name of a Saint for this project.

Here are a few guidelines and suggestions:

- Begin by finding Saints who share your first, middle or sometimes last names. Read the stories of these Saints and see if their lives attract you in some way. The Internet is an easy way to search for the life stories of Saints.
- Think about your interests. For example – if you are interested in music – look up the patron Saint of musicians.)
- Research the Saint whose feast day is the same as your birthday.
- If the founder/foundress of a religious community in your area is canonized as a Saint, research their life story and how they founded the religious order.
- Talk to your parents and sponsor about their choices and their patron Saints.
- Choose a few Saints that inspire you. Talk to your parish catechist and try to choose a Saint that has not already been chosen by another candidate. This will help everyone to learn about the lives of more Saints.

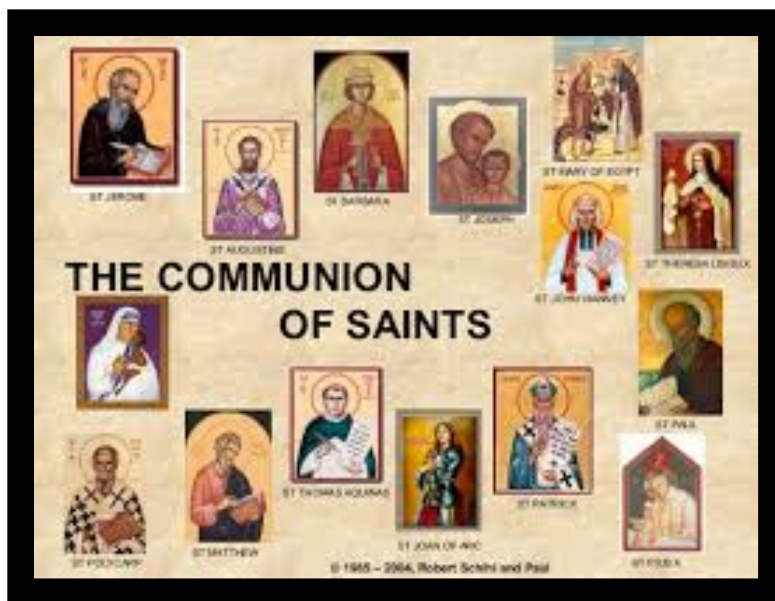
SAINT NAME PROJECT GUIDELINES

- If possible, candidates are encouraged to choose a Saint who has not been selected by others in the confirmation group
- Candidates will let the catechist know who the Saint is for their project.
- We want to encourage candidates to learn about their chosen Saint and express their learning in their own words. Please do not copy and paste from the Internet. Use the Internet as a research tool only.
- Report requirements:
 - Up to 3 pages of text, double spaced, Roman Times font, size 12.
 - Poster Board for display

- Pictures of the Saint, their works, etc.
- The project is due on _____.
- Report checklist
 - Candidate's Full Name
 - Name of Saint (full name of the Saint)
 - Birthplace of the Saint
 - Birthdate or if the birthdate is not available, note time lived
 - Important facts/information/details about the Saint.
 - What is the Saint known for?
 - Are they a patron/patroness Saint of any causes?
 - What virtues do you admire that this Saint practiced?
 - List the Saint's feast day on the liturgical calendar. What colour vestments does the priest wear to celebrate Mass on the Saint's feast day? Why that particular colour?
 - What about this Saint inspires you to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation?
 - What about this Saint inspires you to be a better Catholic and how is this Saint a model for Christians today?
 - Why did you choose this Saint?
 - Is there a prayer or novena for the intercession of this Saint? Provide this as part of your project and offer the prayer as your Saint companions you in life.

Complete submission sheet (attached) which needs your signature and that of your parent and/or sponsor. Bring your project to the parish on the due date.

God bless you!



SUBMISSION SHEET

CONFIRMATION SAINT PROJECT

CANDIDATE

Name of candidate: _____

Confirmation Name: _____

Name of Saint for Project: _____

Briefly describe how this Saint inspires you to be a more faithful Catholic:

PARENT/SPONSOR

My child's CONFIRMATION SAINT NAME PROJECT is complete reflecting the guidelines, requirements and checklist for the project.

Signature of Parent/Sponsor: _____

CATECHIST/PASTOR

Report is complete. _____

to be completed. _____

Signature of Catechist/Pastor: _____