

## **Guidelines for Choosing Your Confirmation Saint**

As you prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation you must choose a Confirmation saint as your patron/patroness. At your Confirmation you will be confirmed using this name. The saint you choose should reflect a devotion you have to the saint, virtues or gifts to which you aspire, or the patron saint of certain gifts that are special to you.

1. First, read and learn about several saints and their lives before making your choice.
2. Pray about the saint you are considering.
3. Clear your selection of a saint with your catechist prior to writing your report

## **Guidelines for the Saint Report**

1. Your report should be at least two pages long, double-spaced, and cite your sources at the bottom of the second page or on an additional page. Please note that your catechist and the Director of Religious Education will read all reports and good grammar, accuracy and honesty are important. You may also be asked to read or share your saint report with your class.
2. Your report should explain who your saint is, and provide as much detail as you can about his/her life. Here are some questions that can help you:
  - When and where was your saint born? Did s/he live in one place?
  - What did s/he do for a living?
  - What drew him or her to Jesus Christ?
  - Did your saint become a priest or nun, or was he/she a layperson?
  - Did your saint know other saints of the Catholic Church? Did they get along?
  - What sort of obstacles did your saint have to overcome to attain holiness?
  - Did your saint write any books? Has another saint written about your saint?
  - When and how did your saint die?
  - On what date is your saint celebrated by the Church? Is there a reason why it is this date?
  - On what date was your saint declared a saint by the Church?
  - What is your saint the patron/patroness of?
  - What miracles are attributed to your saint?
3. Your report should also explain why you chose this saint. Here are some questions that can help you:
  - What virtues or qualities does this saint have that you admire?
  - Do you and your saint have any similarities?
  - Are there other saints who were devoted to your patron saint?
  - Is your saint the patron/patroness of something that matters to you?
  - How can this saint help you live your life as a confirmed Catholic?

4. You can include pictures, maps, and quotes from your saint. You can also include quotes about your saint made by important figures within the Church (including other saints).