

Guidelines for Choosing a Confirmation Name

→ Use the following guidelines to choose a Confirmation Name and write your Saint's report

The tradition of taking on a new name to show a new role can be traced back to the Old Testament. When Abram was called to lead his people to believe in the one God, his name was changed from Abram to Abraham, "Father of many nations". Again, in the New Testament, we find Simon's name changed to Peter, meaning "rock", because he was to become the rock upon which Jesus founded his Church.

Now that you are about to be confirmed, it is time to choose the name you will take as a sign of your growth in faith. You may also choose your Baptismal name as Confirmation is the completion of the Baptism experience.

"I believe in the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints . . ."

Blessed Teresa of Calcutta discovered God's mission for her life in serving the poorest of the poor. Her simple yet profound message rings out clearly in today's world: We are all called to this earth in order that God's love and compassion might be given human form through our actions. She believed that: *The fruit of silence is prayer. The fruit of prayer is faith. The fruit of faith is love. The fruit of love is service. The fruit of service is peace.*

You may use your Baptismal name or a name chosen in honor of a special saint you admire. It is required that you select the name of a canonized Saint.

Write a Saint's Report

Upon selecting a Saint's name, you will be required to research and write a paper on that Saint and tell why you chose that Saint for your Confirmation name. The report should be at least 2 pages in length, including works cited page. General guidelines:

1. Use white 8 ½ x 11" paper.
2. Make **1 inch margins** on the top, bottom, and sides
3. The first word in every paragraph should be indented one half inch.
4. Use **Times New Roman** and **12 point size** (no larger).
5. **Single space** the entire research paper, even the works cited page.
6. Leave one space after periods and other punctuation marks.

What you'll need to explain:

1. Who is your saint? What makes him/her special?
2. When was he/she born? When did he/she die?
3. Why did you choose this Saint?
4. How did this person live the Faith?
5. What you can model from this Saint?
6. Don't forget to site your resources!

References you may want to use:

Books about the Saints from the parish center library.

The following websites are recommended:

- Catholic Online: Saints and Angels: <http://www.catholic.org/saints/>
- Patron Saints listed Alphabetically: <http://www.catholic-forum.com/saints/patron02.htm>
- Roman Catholic Saints: <http://www.americancatholic.org/Features/Saints/byname.aspx>
- Catholic Saints: <http://www.catholic-saints.info/>
- St. Boromeo Church Saints Search: <http://www.scborromeo.org/patron.htm>
- The Catholic Encyclopedia: <http://www.knight.org/advent/cathen/cathen.htm>

To help you get started:

Saint's Name _____ Feast Day _____

Born _____ Died _____

What is significant to you about this Saint? _____

Resources Used _____
