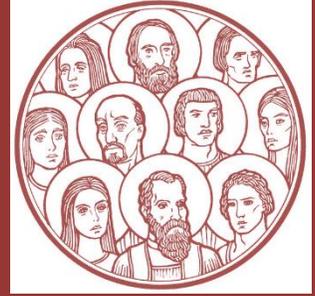


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Why do Catholics choose Confirmation Saints?



As we go through our sacramental preparation for Confirmation, Confirmation saints are chosen to be a person we want to be like, as well as someone who can pray for us from heaven.

Through the process of canonization, when someone is declared by the Church to be a saint, the Church is proclaiming that this member of the faithful practiced heroic virtue during their life on earth, “the Church recognizes the power of the Spirit of holiness within her and sustains the hope of believers by proposing the saints to them as models and intercessors” (CCC 828)

To aspire to be like a saint is the same as trying to imitate an actor, musician, or athlete; a confirmation saint is someone we want to be like!

You may have a famous actor, musician, or athlete that you really admire for their talent and skill. What many people don't realize is that there are good people to look up to within our Church, for us to try to be like as well. It is common for us to think that only adults are able to become saints, but that is wrong.

As a young teen in the early 4th century, Saint Agnes was martyred because she refused to denounce her faith. Saint Aloysius, a young Jesuit in the late 16th century, helped care for people who were sick with the plague, giving them care and love as they left this world. His close contact with the disease took his life soon thereafter. Both these young saints bear witness to having love of God as their first priority.

It is important to remember that as members of the Church, we are never alone, as St. Paul said, “ We are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses” (Hebrews 12:1). These witnesses are the saints who continually intercede for us (ccc 956); in choosing a confirmation saint, we are choosing a special friend to intercede for us in heaven and after whom we can model our lives while here on earth. Your Confirmation saint is someone who you can talk to (intercessory prayer) whenever you need them and they will always have your back!

Here are some websites you can use to find out more about saints

www.catholic.org/saints

www.americancatholic.org

www.ewtn.com/saintsholy

www.catholic-saints.info

CONFIRMATION NAME/SAINT REPORT

STUDENT NAME: _____ **Small Group** _____

CONFIRMATION SAINT CHOSEN: _____

As a candidate for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation, consider the following when choosing a Confirmation name: A saint is chosen for Confirmation to serve as a patron and model for the person being confirmed. The candidate should choose a saint, not only for the beauty of the name, but more importantly because of the attractiveness of the Christian life that the person led. Select a saint that has special qualities, gifts, or charisms that you find inspirational for your own Christian life.

All Confirmation I Candidates are required to select a Saint and submit a report to the **Religious Education Office on or before February 5, 2019.**

The report **MUST** include the following:

Outline of Saint Report:

- Personal qualities and gifts of the saint
- Important events in the saint's life
- Why you chose this particular saint?
- How this saint is a model of Christian life for you?
- How does your experience in Christian service (your service hours) connect back to this saint or what do you think they would have done differently?
- Create your own personal prayer to this saint



Focus your camera on the QR code on your smart phone or tablet to access Online Submission Form

Your report **MUST**:

- Be 2 pages typed (handwritten reports will be returned)
- Double-spaced
- 12 pt. plain font, 1" margins
- Have a cover with Saint name, picture (if possible), Your name, Date, & small group #
- Be in your own words. Please make sure to list any sources.
- Input online and submit physical copy to the RE office.

***** **THIS FORM MUST BE STAPLED TO THE BACK OF YOUR REPORT** *****

The Parent Signature below verifies that you have read the attached Saint Report and that you approve of its content and verify that it was written in your son/daughter's own words.

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____