

## CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

### REPORT: CHOOSING YOUR PATRON SAINT

Part of the Sacrament of Confirmation requires the Candidate to choose a Saint's name to be used during the Rite of Confirmation. The Saint's name will symbolize a new beginning in your life and connection with that Saint. During the Confirmation Mass, the Bishop will call you by your new "Confirmation Name".

#### **GUIDELINES FOR CHOOSING A SAINT:**

The Saint's name selected should not be chosen simply because the candidate likes the name or it belongs to a friend; rather, the Confirmation name should be the name of a Saint with whom the candidate can relate his/her life experiences or someone he/she would look up to. The Saint must be blessed or canonized.

After Confirmation, the Church's hope is that the confirmed student would be able to turn to their Saint for inspiration and guidance.

**Choose a blessed canonized Saints name as explained above.**

- On a separate sheet of paper, please briefly explain the life of the Saint you have chosen and why his or her life has inspired you to make this choice.

Below is a guide to assist in writing your paper.

- Who is the blessed or canonized saint?
- In what century or year did your saint live?
- What was the special event that helped to shape the life of your chosen saint?
- What have you learned about this saint through your research?
- Why did you select this saint to represent your faith journey?
- How is this saint a good role model for you to follow as a confirmed Catholic?
- Is there a special prayer your patron saint held close to his/her soul? If so memorize this prayer and ask your saint to intercede to God on your behalf through your life when times are trying.

Include the resources from which you obtained your information (web site, book, etc.).

**Candidate's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Chosen Saint as my Confirmation name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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