

Saint Report

Every student receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation is required to complete a Saint Report. The purpose of this report is to help you become more familiar with the particular saint you have chosen to emulate, what special characteristics or actions this person demonstrated that caused the Church to canonize him or her.

You have two options when choosing a Confirmation name:

1. Choosing a saint name would symbolize a new beginning in your faith journey and a connection with a particular saint. The saint name chosen would represent the direction you feel your faith life is taking, or would represent a strength or attribute you feel you need. It is important to learn about the saint you have chosen prior to deciding on a name. This option of choosing a new saint name is not to be used because you like the sound of the name, how it fits with your other name, or because it is the name of a relative or friend.

Your new name would be used after your present middle name and before your family name.

2. You may choose to keep your present Baptismal name (your first name) rather than choosing a new name. This shows the sacramental connection between Baptism and Confirmation. To keep your present Baptismal name would demonstrate that you feel there has been a continual growth in faith and you now wish to make this formal through the sacrament of Confirmation.

Report Requirements:

Must be at least two paragraphs or sections in length. The first section should be about the saint. Information included should be, but not limited to: date of birth and death, life history, remarkable traits, action or situations and why this person was canonized a saint. (This may take more than one paragraph.)

The second part should include why you choose either your baptismal or new saint name. What symbolism or special meaning does this saint hold for you? What do you hope to gain by modeling yourself after this saint?

Important Reminder

The name you have stated as your Confirmation name on the "Application for the Reception of Confirmation" is your **official** Confirmation name and must be the same saint as the Saint Report is written about, and will also be the name used at Confirmation. No changes will be made, unless you have scheduled an appointment to discuss the change with the Confirmation Coordinators and have agreed to rewrite a Saint Report based on the name change. There will be *no* exceptions.