



Saint Report

(Choosing a Confirmation Name)

Due February 7-10, 2021

Choosing a new name for Confirmation is an ancient and honorable tradition. Names are full of meaning and symbolism! Many of your parents probably participated in this tradition when they were confirmed and you are strongly encouraged to as well, although it is not required.

In the Bible, God changes people's names when He has an important mission for them. Abram became Abraham, and Jacob became Israel, Simon was renamed Peter by Jesus (Matthew 16:17), and Saul became Paul (Acts 13:9).

We invite you to prayerfully consider taking on a "new" name at your Confirmation. Confirmation is an important moment in your life, and it is a chance for you to reflect on what is most important to you. What do you value? What virtues do you want to be known for? Chances are, there is a saint out there waiting to inspire you. By taking their name as your own, you are telling the whole world who you are and who you think God is calling you to be!

Please note: If you choose a saint or blessed's name as your Confirmation name, this will be the name the bishop uses when he confirms you. Otherwise, the bishop will use the name you were given at Baptism.

As you consider choosing a Confirmation name for yourself, use the information below in your thought process:

- ❖ Do research on the history of your name and any other names you might be considering. Is there someone you were named after? Is there a family history to your name? Are you named after a saint? Pray and let the Holy Spirit guide your research.
- ❖ Pick a name that reflects a virtue or value you wish to aspire to. This may be reflected in the person who has that name (it may be a saint or a relative).
- ❖ If you are choosing a saint or blessed, research that saint's life well. Use books and on-line resources. Come to know them as if he or she were an old friend.

Report Details:

- Include your saint or blessed's essential biography (birth, important events in their life, death, beatification date, canonization date, and feast date.)
 - Be sure to include which miracles were investigated as part of the canonization process!
- Share their life story, ministry and why you chose them.
- Include when your saint's feast day is celebrated.
- Give the Confirmation name you have chosen and why.
- Papers should be typed, double-spaced, and written in Times New Roman, 12pt font, with 1-inch margins. Papers must be at least 2 full pages in length. Papers should include a title page which does not count toward the 2-page requirement.
- **Due date: Sunday, February 7- Wednesday, February 10, 2021.**

On the title page of the report, please include the following information:

Your name.

The Date.

"My report is on St. _____."

"I have chosen the Confirmation Name: _____."

[Include a picture of your chosen saint.]

Saint Resources Available at St. Mary Magdalen:

The Library located in the East Wing has a section with many books available to read and borrow. (Due to limited building access on account of Covid-19, please make an appointment with Mr. Kenny to visit the parish library.)

Additionally, Mr. Kenny is happy to schedule Zoom appointments with students who need help with this assignment. This includes helping them explore saints they may be interested in, directing them towards resources, and proof-reading rough drafts (If you want him to proof read a rough draft, it must be submitted no later than February 1, 2021.)

A Few Catholic Websites to Find More Information on Saints:

American Catholic.org

<http://www.americancatholic.org/Features/Saints/byname.aspx?>

Catholic Online

<http://www.catholic.org/saints/>

Vatican Website, Saints Index

http://www.vatican.va/news_services/liturgy/saints/index_saints_en.html