

Saint Project -- Choosing a Confirmation Name

Scripturally, a name is not only what a person is called, but also who the person is – a special meaning of that person. In Semitic thought, the name conveyed the truth of the person. God was YHWH (“I AM; I AM HERE”); Jesus was Yeshua, Joshua (“One who saves”).

Your first name(s) - is the name chosen by your parents when you were born and announced at your Baptism. Your last name – This is the name that was chosen before you were born. This is your family name and is part of your legal name, unless you choose to change it legally (for example when a woman gets married she may choose to take her husband’s last name).

Your Confirmation name - This is the name you choose for yourself; although it is not required that you do so. You may choose to reaffirm the same name given to you by your parents at your Baptism. Your Confirmation name does not change your legal name, but is recorded in Church records. In the Scriptures and in Christian history, changing your name signaled a change in your vocation or even your identity. If you choose to take a new name, you will select a name of a Saint. The Saint should be someone whose life or death inspires you or who exhibited qualities you admire. This may take some research and reading, but you are surely find one that is meaningful to you.

Resources:

Saint books and information at the Parish library or your local library

www.pbgrace.com (search: family time!)

www.catholic.org/saint/stsindex

www.catholic.org/saints/sofd.php

www.theworkofgod.org/saints

www.americancatholic.org (patron saints database)

www.catholic-forum.com/saints

www.saints.sqpn.com

<https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/saints>

Project Choices:

Large Group Presentation: ____ Classroom Presentation: ____ Small Group Presentation: ____

Project Ideas:

Talking Picture Frame: Create an art frame out of posterboard. Dress up like your saint and prepare a short (2-5 minute) summary to present as part of a living art museum Include details from your research.

Coat of Arms: Create your Saint's Coat of Arms Shield. Remember to include your name on the back of your shield. Your Saint's Coat of Arms will be used to decorate the Parish Hall. Include all the details from your research.

Skit: Dress in a costume. Briefly re-enact a story from the Saint's life (2-5 minutes) -- recruit some friends to help with your skit.

Paragraph/Paper: Summarize your research.

- Grades 3 & 4 paragraph should include 5 sentences.
- Grades 5 & 6 should include 3 paragraphs (intro, body, conclusion).
- Grades 7-10 should include 5 paragraphs.

Other ideas: Prepare a PowerPoint slide presentation of at least 8 slides in length; Create a poster with details from your research and an image of your saint; Create a video presentation in which you deliver an oral presentation (2-5 minutes) about your Saint.

All projects can include any or all of the following:

Name of saint

Date and place of birth

Date and place of death

Canonization date of your Saint, Feast day

Picture or drawing of saint

Special symbol

Special quotation or special prayer

When and where did they live

Profession or vocation

Interesting facts about the saint

Interesting event in their life

Reasons for sainthood

Personal qualities that others are called to model

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Please submit to the office or your child's teacher on November 4th- especially grades 3-12

Your name: _____

Three facts about you:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Your Baptismal name: (if your first name isn't a saint, sometimes your middle name is):

Saint whose feast day is your birthday: _____

Patron Saint of something important to you: (could relate to one of the facts): _____

Which Saint to you choose to research: _____

Why you chose this saint: _____

Project Presentation Plan: Large Group: ___ Classroom: ___ Small Group: ___ Other: ___