



SAINT REPORTS: What's in a Name?

When you were baptized, the priest asked your parents and Godparents for your given name....

At Confirmation, as you reaffirm and complete your initiation into the Church, you will state your *Confirmation Name*, and have the opportunity to either choose the name of a saint who models your ideal of Confirmed Catholic Faith, or to reinforce the connection to baptism by keeping your baptized name.



Why would you choose a saint's name for confirmation???

The youth ministry website, *DisciplesNow.com* defines saints as: “people who accept God’s constant offer of friendship, faith, love, courage—right in the undramatic circumstances of everyday life.” They are normal people, who LIVE their faith EVERY DAY. The Catholic Church has a rich and unique tradition of honoring the men and women who live their faith in their everyday lives. This means that we have a whole crowd of heroes—people who we can always look to for a good example of how to live.



To get a better idea of how cool the saints are, you are going to select one to research. This is not a college masters thesis—you really only need to get the basic facts about the person’s life and why he or she became a saint. Find someone interesting, someone who you can relate to. Please write a paragraph on each of the following questions, and turn in the paper at your first Confirmation class.

- How did you first find out about this saint?
- If this person were alive today, what kinds of things do you think he or she would be doing?
- How does this saint inspire you to live out your faith?
- Do you choose to take the name of this saint as your own at confirmation? Why?

Some suggestions for starting your research:

www.lifeteen.com www.disciplesnow.com

www.americancatholic.org www.catholic.org/saints

DUE at first Confirmation Class (Jan 11 or 15)