

Confirmation Saint Project – YEAR 1

Written report **DUE on or before January 12, 2017**

So why do we learn about the Saints? The culmination of your preparation for Confirmation in Year 2 will be your selection of a saint's name that you will choose as your Confirmation name. This is the name that the Bishop will say when sealing you with the Gift of the Holy Spirit during the Confirmation Mass. It's important that you select a saint's name that speaks to your heart – a saint whose relationship with God is one that you can possibly relate to and look to for guidance and direction in your own relationship with God.

People sometimes misunderstand saints; they think of them as being nice people, good people, people who behave well and don't make mistakes. But saints aren't all like that. Saints can be crabby, cranky, cantankerous, bitter, ill-informed, racist, opinionated (lots in this category) – I could go on. Saints are *extremely human*, and they are products of their cultures and times.

Note that I'm using the present tense, not the past one, Saints aren't just people officially sainted by the Roman Catholic Church; they are all believers, all who have chosen to follow the Way of Christ however imperfectly. "Not one of us fails to charge off the path and into the bramble bushes, sometimes quite frequently. Not one of us fails to get it wrong at least once a week and probably much more often than that. But saints have shown us that there is the possibility of living Godwardly in this life, however imperfectly we do it." (-Molly Wolf)
Saints are simply people who have chosen to point their lives in God's direction. The saints teach us. Because through their trials and errors, we can learn how we too can rely on God's mercy.

This project is intended to further familiarize you with the lives of the saints so that in Year 2 of your preparation for Confirmation, you will be better able to select your Saint Name for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Resources: The following online resources are excellent starting points for your research...

- <http://www.catholic.org/saints/>
- <http://www.americancatholic.org/Features/Saints/>
- <http://www.officialcatholicdirectory.com/catholic-links/saints>

For this project, you will need to select **five (5) different saints** to report on based on the following criteria:

- a. **EARLY CHURCH:** A saint who lived during the early period of the Church: **up to the year 700 AD.**
- b. **MIDDLE AGES:** A saint who lived during the middle period of the Church: **700 AD – 1700 AD.**
- c. **MODERN CHURCH:** A saint who lived during the more recent history of the Church: **1700 AD – Present.**
- d. **FEAST DAY:** A saint who's Feast Day is shared with **YOUR birthday** (or closest to your birthday).
- e. **PATRONAGE:** A saint is **Patron** of something/group of people you are interested in.

The report pages should be:

1. Neatly written or typed (the pages will be emailed in a Word Format to all emails current and on file with the R.E. Office in case you wish to type your reports).
2. **Elaborate** on the 3 facts for each saint, it should be **more** than a one or two sentence answer.
3. Should include a **photo or hand drawing** of the selected saint **within** the provided box on each page.
4. Your report should include a **Cover Page** labeled **"SAINT PROJECT – YEAR 1" & your name.**

God Bless!

EARLY CHURCH

Up to 700 AD

You need to select a Saint who lived during this period of the Church.

Saint's Name: _____

Their Feast Day: _____

They are the Patron Saint of: _____

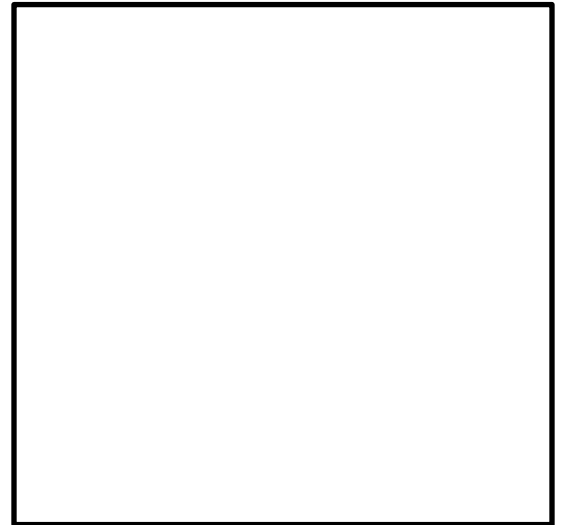


Photo or Drawing of this Saint

Three interesting facts I learned about this saint are:

1. _____

2. _____

MIDDLE AGES

700 AD – 1700 AD

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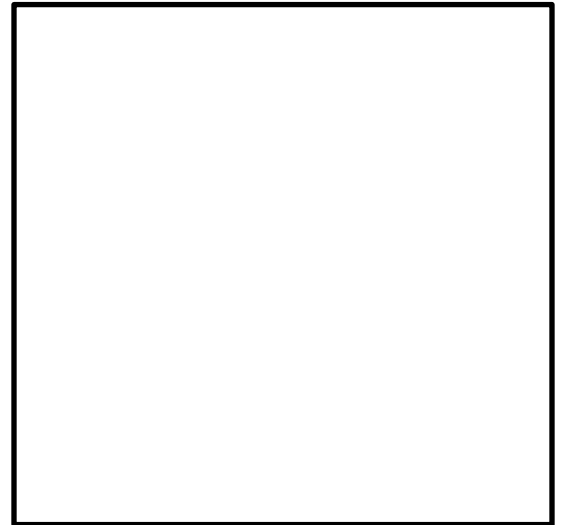


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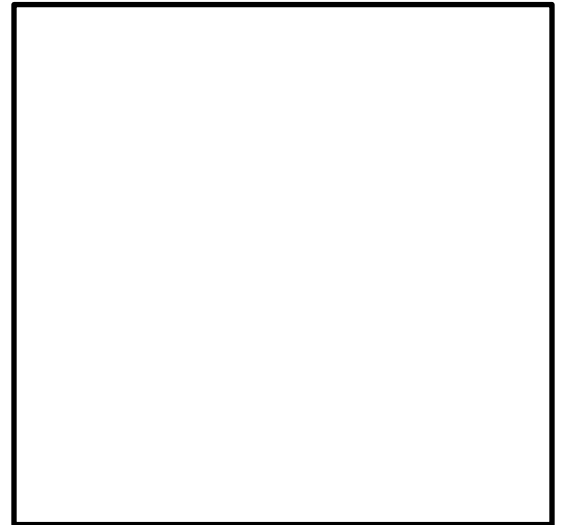


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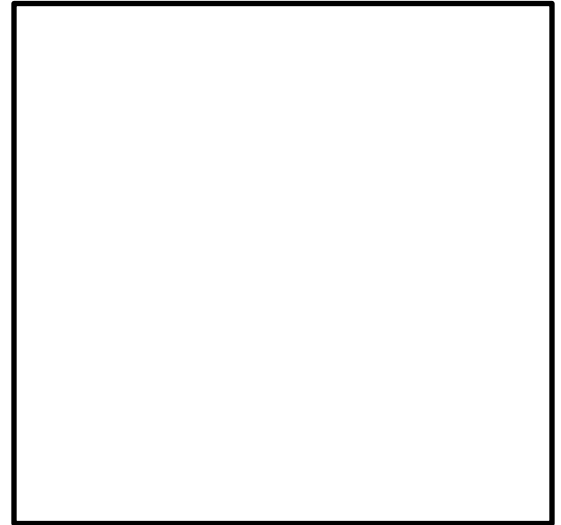


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PATRONAGE

Looking at the *Browse Patron Saints by Alphabet* list on www.catholic.org/saints, report on a saint who is a Patron of something/group of people you are interested in.

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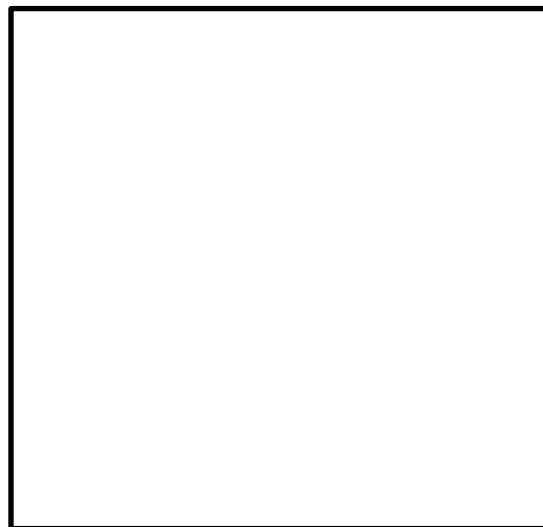


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