## Year 2 Saint Icon Project

\*\* There are 4 Sections to this assignment. ALL Sections must be finished in order for this project to be considered "complete". Read each section carefully before beginning.

SECTION 1: About Your Name (You may need to consult with your parents/guardians prior to Section 1)
SECTION 2: About Your Confirmation Saint / Name
SECTION 3: Saint Icon (art project)
SECTION 4: Symbolic Elements

#### **ADDITIONAL NOTES**

- All Saint Icon Projects are <u>DUE</u> by your <u>JANUARY ONE EIGHT</u> Night.
- You are welcome to turn your Saint Icon Projects in BEFORE the due date!
- Proofread for correct spelling and grammar.
- You may not consider yourself an artist, but you should put your very best effort in to your Saint Icon art project. This Icon will be mounted, labeled, laminated and displayed in the Church Narthex for your Confirmation Mass and for a few weeks following the Mass.
- Complete all of the Sections of this Saint Icon Project with thoughtfulness and prayer. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about you, your family, the saints, and your faith.

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## **SECTION 1:** About Your Name

| My baptismal name    | is:                         |                                     |                        |
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|                      | First                       | Middle                              | Last                   |
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| I was named after:   |                             |                                     |                        |
|                      | (if applicable – e.g. a gra | andparent, parent, relative, family | y friend, saint, etc.) |
| My parents chose the | his name for me becau       | se:                                 |                        |
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We choose a Confirmation Saint (like we choose a Confirmation Sponsor) not out of due diligence to the "requirement", but rather because we realize how unfortunate it would be to travel this spiritual journey alone. So, choosing a Saint and taking on their name is not just one more thing you "have to do" to get Confirmed. Choosing a Confirmation Saint is an important step in your spiritual life and a reflection of the beauty of the Catholic faith.

Please take some time to find a Saint you really have a connection with. If you have any trouble deciding on a Saint, just ask, there are plenty of people who are willing to help.

This is the **Confirmation Saint / Name** (the Saint's name that the Bishop will use when I receive the Sacrament of Confirmation) that I have chosen for myself. This name <u>must</u> be of a Saint recognized by the Roman Catholic Church.

I chose this Confirmation Saint / Name because...

| SECTION 2: About Your Confirmation Saint / Name                    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Does your Saint have a feast day in the Church? YES NO             |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| My Saint's feast day is: /<br>Month Day                            |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| What three events in the life of this Saint most impress you? Why? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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What three special virtues (a virtue is a good habit that enables a person to act with moral excellence, according to God's will) did the Saint have?

| 1. | <br> |
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| 2. |      |
| 3. |      |

Name one way this Saint showed love for others.

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# **SECTION 3: Saint Icon (art project)**

### The Saint Icons will be **DUE** on your **JANUARY ONE EIGHT Night**

#### WEBSITE RESOURCES TO HELP YOU GET STARTED (I'm sure you'll find other resources too):

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

A brief introduction to Iconography: http://www.csg-i.com/icons/html/overview.html Examples: http://iconarts.com How to draw female faces: http://sharenoesis.com/article/draw-face/84 How to draw male faces: http://sharenoesis.com/article/draw-faces-male/482

#### **ICON DRAWING REQUIREMENTS:**

- **ORIGINAL HAND-DRAWN** Icon of your Confirmation Saint.
- The paper should be set up PORTRAIT NOT LANDSCAPE!
- Icon should be done on an 8 1/2" X 11" piece of white paper— <u>DRAWING MUST</u> <u>FILL THE PAGE!</u>
- Use <u>VIBRANT COLORS</u>, heavenly garments (colored pencils, markers, paint, other drawing materials, etc.)
- Include in your Icon drawing, at least <u>3 SYMBOLIC ELEMENTS</u> (specific to your saint) with an explanation for each symbolic element as to why it is symbolic to your Confirmation Saint.
- You don't have to be an artist to do an art project. You just need to give it your best effort and do it with sincerity & heart. We are looking for quality <u>EFFORT!</u> (I.e. not a stick figure, not quickly drawn with only a pencil, etc.).

### The Saint Icons will be a part of YOUR Confirmation Mass.

We will mount & label all of the Saint Icons and they will be displayed in the Narthex for a few weeks before and after your Confirmation Mass for all of our parish family to view and appreciate.

Tips:

- Remember, an icon is a window into the saint's glorious state in Heaven!
- Pray before/while/aft er you work on this assignment!



## **SAMPLE Saint Icons and their Symbolic Elements:**

### Saint Peter

### **Symbolic Elements**

The <u>Key</u> and the <u>Pope hat (Mitre)</u> symbolize that Jesus gave the "keys of the Kingdom" to St. Peter and made him the first Pope.

The **<u>rooster</u>** symbolizes that St. Peter denied Christ 3 times and then the rooster crowed.

The **upside down cross** symbolizes how Peter died, he was crucified upside down.

#### **Saint Sebastian**

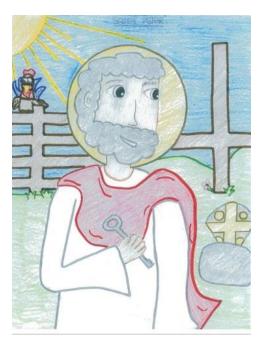
#### **Symbolic Elements**

The **arrows** symbolize that St. Sebastian was shot with arrows.

The **<u>shield</u>** symbolizes that St. Sebastian was a soldier and he is patron of all soldiers.

The **baseball bat** symbolizes that St. Sebastian is the patron saint of athletes.

His **<u>red garment</u>** symbolizes that he was a martyr.





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| SECTION 4: Symbolic Elements |                     |              |        |           |          |  |  |  |
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| STUDENT'S NAME               |                     |              |        |           |          |  |  |  |
|                              | (First & La         |              |        | ast Name) |          |  |  |  |
|                              |                     | (circle one) | MONDAY | or        | THURSDAY |  |  |  |
| SYMBO                        | LIC EL              | EMENTS       | 6      |           |          |  |  |  |
| Saint's Name:                |                     |              |        | _         |          |  |  |  |
| Symbolic Element #1:         | What it symbolizes: |              |        |           |          |  |  |  |
|                              |                     |              |        |           |          |  |  |  |
| Symbolic Element #2:         | What                | it symboliz  | es:    |           |          |  |  |  |
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| Symbolic Element #3:         | What                | it symboliz  | es:    |           |          |  |  |  |
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