Confirmation Name. . . Saint Project

Choosing or being given a new name is a tradition in both the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures reflecting a change/conversion in lifestyle. Candidates are responsible for knowing something about the saint whose name they choose for Confirmation...or for their Baptismal name. During the Confirmation preparation time you are asked to prepare at least a ***two page typed written*** about your special saint and why you have chosen or been given that saint as a patron. A bibliography is required with a **minimum of five sources for your research**. A bibliography guide is included in this packet. Your paper will be used to create a poster board display for our Ministry Fair.

Include in the paper:
1. When was this person born, if information is available. What information do you know about the person's family. . . parents, siblings, etc.
2. Where was this person born, if information is available. What do you know about the place of birth which may have had a significant influence on that person you have chosen to write about?
3. How did the person spend his/her life? What did he or she do that merited being canonized a saint? If you are named after a family member or a family ancestor, when why do you carry that person's name?
4. What can you learn from that person's life which may help you to follow Jesus more closely and be a better Christian?
5. Why did you choose this name for Confirmation? Or
6. Why did your parents give you this name for Baptism?

Optional:
If your name has a Scriptural meaning you may want to include that information as well as the Scripture passage as part of your report.

Artistic Display
Part of the project is to be an artistic expression that reflects your understanding of the saint about whom you have chosen to write. You may use a symbol or other creative expression which relates to your chosen saint.

Using the Computer as a Resource   (SEE POSSIBLE SITES BELOW)
There are several good web sites that have helpful information on Saints. Check them out. *Catholic Online Saints and Angels* and *Catholic Online Saints.* There are links to other sites that tell feast days, patron saints, etc. Web sites, as well as books, magazines, etc. must be documented as sources. **(As of 2011/2012, Wikipedia will no longer be accepted as a source!)**

Due Date for Saint Project
This Saint Project must be turned in no later than **November 15.** We will go over the projects for completeness and return them so that a final draft may be prepared for your poster. The initial project may be done in booklet form rather than on a poster board. It is to be checked for correct spelling and grammar as well as accuracy of information. Plagiarism is a sin against the Seventh and Eighth Commandments of God. Information needs to be properly documented in bibliography.

Final Copy Due at Ministry Fair which will be February 16, 2014

General Bibliography Citations

For a book:
Author's name, Last then First; Title of book.   Publishing Source, year published.
See example below:

Gutiérrez, Gustavo, *We Drink From Our Own Wells*.   Maryknoll: Orbis Books, 2003.

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For an article: Author's name, Last then First; title of article in quotes, article source, year; page numbers.   See example below:

Dooley, Catherine.   "Liturgical Catechesis: Mystagogy, Marriage, or Misnomer?"
Worship 66 (1992): 386-397.

Internet Bibliography Citations

Information taken from the Internet **MUST** be documented just as print sources are cited.
Stealing from the internet is not only illegal it is immoral!   Not only are you sinning against the seventh and eighth Commandments but you are breaking the law.

We don't expect that you know all the information about the saint you select.   If you did, why would you be doing research?   It is fine to read an article on the internet and then summarize the ideas or use quotations from the article.   The important thing is that you give credit where credit is due.   If the work is **YOUR OWN ORIGINAL WRITING** then there is no need to document it. However, if the ideas or words are taken from another source, that source needs to be given credit with proper documentation.   It is quite easy to detect copied material since the vocabulary is often different from the vocabulary of an eighth grader.

So. . . .a word to the wise. . . plagiarism is a sin and a crime.

Examples:

www.saintlinusreligiouseducation.org

www.catholic.org
THESE ARE LINKS TO SAFE INTERNET SAINT SITES

http://www.catholic.org/saints/stindex.php
http://www.officialcatholicdirectory.com/catholic-links/saints.html
http://www.americancatholic.org/Features/Saints/patrons.aspx
http://www.loyolapress.com/saints-stories-for-kids.htm
http://www.ewtn.com/library/mary/patrons.htm
http://www.catholic-pages.com/dir/saints.asp

Sample

CONFIRMATION NAME/SAINT REPORT

Saint Name

Paragraph #1: Date of birth. City, country of birth. Give information about their family (parents, siblings) and early circumstances of their life.

Paragraph #2: Do you think that their place of birth or circumstances of their early life had a significant influence on their choice to follow Jesus the way they did? Explain.

Paragraph #3: How did this person spend their life in service to God and church? Give concrete examples. *What special qualities did this person have that caused them to be chosen for canonization? (These qualities would have come from God to help them through very difficult times in their lives as they served God and His community.)

Paragraph #4: What can you learn from this person's life that may help you to follow Jesus during trying times to be a better Christian?

Paragraph #5: Explain why you chose this name for Confirmation. If this name is also shared by someone you know and admire, please give information about them and their qualities.

- Bibliography: 5 sources (refer to packet to set these up)
- Picture of Saint chosen
- 2 typed (14) pages not including Bibliography
- <u>DUE NOV. 17th</u>. in booklet form (Cheryl Antos or Mrs. McCann –School teacher)