

## **Choosing a Saint's Name/Patron Saint**

Typically in the Catholic Church a Saint's name (Christian name) is chosen for the infant to be baptized by the parents. At the time of Confirmation a patron saint may be chosen by the person to be confirmed.

**Why choose a baptismal Name?**

Choosing a baptismal name is significant because you are being reborn into faith through the sacrament of Baptism. Choosing a particular Saint as your patron provides a model of charity and the assurance of his/her prayers of intercession.

**Who should I choose as a patron saint?**

Please give prayerful consideration to this choice. The patron saint you choose should have some particular significance in your life. Ex: St. Anne the mother of Mary is considered to be the Patroness of housewives, St Joseph is the Patron of carpenters and so on.

Perhaps in your reading you have encountered someone whose life story has moved you in your faith journey. Whoever you choose please read something of their life and write a brief essay describing your Saint and why you selected them.

I will need your chosen Saint name and essay by September 30<sup>th</sup>.

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