



SAINT BONAVENTURE CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

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SAINT REPORT

As Catholic Christians, we are called to be saints, to be perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect and to have a deep, intimate union with Christ. Candidates will choose a name to be confirmed under. The name should be a Saint's name or the name of a person from Scripture who modeled what it truly means to pursue holiness.

The practice of choosing a Confirmation name is meant to symbolize a candidate's personal conversion. Indeed, the changing of one's name as a sign of conversion occurs a number of times in Scripture: Abram becomes Abraham, Simon is called Peter. Saul changes to Paul.

When you are confirmed, the Bishop will ask what name you have chosen. It must be a canonized saint's name, either you already have from your baptism, or a saint that you admire. Now is the time to get to know more about this Saint. The challenges, holiness, and charitable works of these holy people are examples of what it means to be a faithful disciple, grateful steward and active evangelist.

Resources:

www.catholic.org/saints
www.americancatholic.org
www.oce.catholic.com

As we go through our sacramental preparation for Confirmation, Confirmation saints are chosen to be a person we want to be like, as well as someone who can pray for use from heaven. When you are confirmed, the Bishop will ask what name you have chosen. It must be a **canonized** saint, either the one you already have from your baptism, or a saint that you admire. Now is the time to get to know more about this saint. The challenges, holiness, and charitable works of these holy people are examples of what it means to be a faithful disciple, grateful steward and active evangelist.

Examples of correct names:

Francis of Assisi or Francis de Sales
Therese of Lisieux or Teresa of Avila
Mary, Mother of God

Incorrect Names:

Francis
Therese
Mary

SAINT REPORT INSTRUCTIONS: 1 PAGE, SINGLE SPACE, NO PICTURE

- Who is your saint?
- When and where did they live?
- What is their background?
- How did they encounter Jesus? How did Jesus change their life?
- How did their life change because of Jesus?
- Why are they a Saint?
- Why did you choose this particular saint out of all the saints?
- What virtues do you see in them and want to imitate?
- How will you try to be like your Saint?

Questions to Ask Yourself Before You Turn in Your Project

- Is this my best work?
- Would I be proud to present it to my sponsor/parent?

Due by February 28, 2026

Please print out and turn in to our office. Reports could be emailed to :

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(Please make sure to use your personal email and not the school's (ggusd) because they will block us from receiving it)

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Student Name:

Catechist Name:

Confirmation Class: C1 or C2

Confirmation Room:

Date:

Saint Mary, Mother of God

Saint Mary, also known as the Virgin Mary, or the Mother of God. She was born on September 8, she was believed to be born in 16 BC. Although the Bible has never mentioned her birthplace, it does bring up the place of Annunciation, when the angel Gabriel was sent to Nazareth to announce Saint Mary that she was the chosen one to give birth to Jesus (Luke 1: 26-27), which indicated that she was living in Nazareth at the time. She passed away on August 15, 57 AD due to natural death, and was assumed into heaven, both body and soul. This event is also known as the Assumption of Mary.

The Catholic Church celebrates Saint Mary's feast days as a way to honor her. Her first feast day is the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, which is celebrated on January 1st. Another feast day dedicated to Saint Mary is the Annunciation, celebrated on the 25th of March. Along with that, the Catholic Church also celebrates her birthday on August 8th and her Assumption on August 15th.

Another feast day dedicated to her is celebrated on December 8th, which is the Immaculate Conception. Besides the listed feast days, she is also honored on many other days throughout the year, such as the celebration of the Visitation on May 31st, Our Lady of Lourdes on February 11th, Our Lady of Fatima on May 13th, and Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12th. These feast days are dedicated to recognizing Saint Mary's life, holiness, and the important role she played in God's plan for salvation.

Saint Mary's purity, obedience, and faith in God are what make her an exemplary model for Catholics around the world. God chose her to be the one who brought the Messiah into this world. She was free from original sin and lived a life devoted to God. Afterward, both her body and soul were taken up into heaven. Whenever I look at the flowers and rosaries, they make me think of Saint Mary. The most common flowers which are known to be associated with Saint Mary are roses and lilies; lily represents purity, and rose symbolizes love and devotion. The image of Saint Mary pressing her palms together with a rosary around her hands is also a symbol of her strong faith in God, that she is always praying. In addition to that, the illustration of her holding baby Jesus is a symbol of motherly love, and protection.

Despite many obstacles she faced from her community when she was carrying Jesus—our Savior—before marrying Joseph to whom she was engaged, she remained steadfast in her faith in God. Saint Mary's unwavering faith and devotion to God, as well as her humility and willingness to serve others, have made her a great inspiration for many people throughout the world, including me.

I had chosen her to be my Confirmation Saint because I was inspired by her to be a kind person, willing to help others and have a deep faith in God. Having her as my role model, I want to become selfless and obedient to God's will just like Saint Mary.