

# St. Francis of Assisi

## Confirmation Name and Saint Report

### FOR THE CANDIDATE

#### Confirmation Names

When we are baptized grace is inferred upon us. Our parents and godparents are asked to help us live and grow in that grace. Confirmation perfects this grace and as individuals we are asked to use this grace to help us strengthen our bond with the Creator. This relationship between Baptism and Confirmation is highlighted in many ways as we prepare to celebrate Confirmation. For example, we are asked to choose one of our baptismal godparents as sponsors for Confirmation because they have been chosen to walk with us on this faith journey. In the same way we are asked to choose our baptismal names as our Confirmation names. Choosing to be confirmed in our baptismal name can help us be mindful of the relationship between our Baptism and our Confirmation. It is also a chance to learn about the life of the saint in whose name we are baptized. If we were not baptized in the name of a saint, then our Confirmation is a chance to learn about a saint who is an example of faith to us and who will help lead us in our faith lives.

#### Choosing a Saint Name

- If you were baptized in the name of a saint, your Confirmation name should be the name of that saint.
- If you were not baptized in the name of a saint, you should choose your Confirmation name from the list of saints recognized by the Catholic Church
- Choose the name of a saint who you can identify with, who can help you in your faith, and be an example of how you hope to live your Christian life

#### Saint Report

As we consider our saint names for Confirmation or rediscover our baptismal names for Confirmation, we use this opportunity to learn more about the lives of the saints. As it turns out the saints are just like us! They had parents and brothers and sisters, they had jobs, and sometimes they messed up. We should choose saints whose lives we can identify with, people who remind us of ourselves. What we need to discover about them is; what happened in their lives that made them saints? What about their lives makes them a saint and how can we use them as examples in our lives? The saint report is a chance to delve into the lives of these amazing individuals and get to know them. As we get to know them we can use their lives and their stories to help us lead "saintly" lives, or at least try!

#### Your Names

Please list your names as you would like them to appear on the Confirmation certificate and Church documents.

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Middle Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmation Name \_\_\_\_\_

