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Confirmation Name and Saint Research Report

Name: _____ Saint's Name: _____

Summary:

Throughout Scripture, in the Old and New Testament, we read how God, in calling a person to a special task, would change the name of the person. Abram became Abraham, Jacob became Israel, Simon became Peter, and Saul became Paul. Each one of us is special to God, and our name is special too. Scripture addresses us the same way.

- “But now, says the Lord, fear not for I have redeemed you; I have called you by Name, you are mine.” (Isaiah 43:1)
- “The sheep hear my voice, I call them by name, and they follow me.” (John 10:3)

When Abram was called to lead his people to believe in one God, his name was changed to Abraham. Similarly, in the New Testament Simon's name was changed to Peter meaning “rock” because he was to become the rock upon which Jesus founded his Church.

Assignment:

Once you choose a Saint, prepare a report about the life of that Saint that demonstrates how he/she exemplified the virtues of Christian witness. It should summarize the major facts, virtues, accomplishments, and their special relationship with God. The report should also explain why you selected your Saint. This isn't a collection of facts, but how you plan to continue to take inspiration and example from your Saint's life.

Include a cover sheet with your name that features a picture of your Saint or other meaningful artwork. BE CREATIVE! This assignment must be submitted by the required due date.

Here is a list of items you may wish to consider when writing your report.

- The Saint Name and Feast Day
- Is your Saint a Patron Saint and of what
- Where and when did your Saint live
- Family background
- What occupation
- What drew your Saint to Christ and the Church
- What your Saint did that was remarkable or inspiring
- The virtues she/he demonstrated
- What obstacles or adversaries the Saint overcame



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- How he/she lived an exemplary life
- What aspects of this person's life attracted to you
- What contributions he/she made to the Church and to society
- When the Saint was officially proclaimed a Saint or Beatified
- How this Saint can be a role model for Christians today

Website Resources:

- www.catholic.org/saints
- www.theworkofgod.org/Saints
- www.americancatholic.org/Features/Saints/byname
- www.catholicsaints.info