

CONFIRMATION SPONSOR ESSAY

Directions:

You are asked to write an essay about your Sponsor; how they give witness to the faith in their daily life and why your Sponsor is a role model for you. Your essay needs to be 200 + words. Use the fillable form on the St. Joan of Arc website to write your Sponsor essay; stjoanofarcpowell.org. Submit to mspaperwork@stjoanofarcpowell.org **Due: October 10, 2021**



Gather Information

The following questions may be used to help you gather information about your sponsor for your essay. **DO NOT give these questions to your Sponsor for them to answer for you.** This is an opportunity for you and your sponsor to spend time together, by phone, Skype, or in person.

- Do you have a special calling or ministry in the Church?
- What do you think are some of the benefits of belonging to a community of faith?
- How do you spread the Faith by your actions in your vocation or work or school life?
- Do you have opportunities to give witness to Jesus and His Church outside your vocation, work or school? What are some of these opportunities?
- What opportunities have you had to serve others in your life?
- Have you ever been afraid to help others? Why?
- What are some of the things that get in the way or distract you from practicing your Faith?
- Have you ever had an experience when you knew God was helping you act like a Christian, even when it may have been difficult to do so?
- Can you share a memory about your Confirmation?
- What Gift of the Holy Spirit would you most like to possess?

Writing the essay

With the information you gathered, write an essay with the following in mind:

- What about this person shows you what it means to be Catholic?
- What qualities or characteristics of this person do you admire?
- How does this person challenge you to grow in your faith and live a life of service?
- Why do you feel this person is the best choice to help you become the man or woman God is calling you to be?

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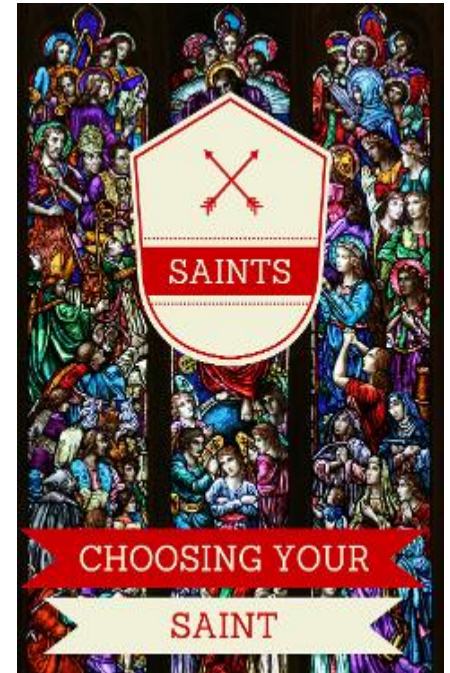
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YOUR CONFIRMATION NAME

(Information for Saint Report)

CHOOSING A CONFIRMATION NAME

- A name identifies you in a unique way, not just your physical self, but who you are as person.
- One of the traditional practices in the Church at the time of Confirmation is choosing a name that will remind you of this sacrament.
- Your prayerful reflection will help you determine that name.
- You might want to recommit yourself to your Baptismal name since it expresses the relationship that exists between these two sacraments, especially after you reflect on its meaning and discover some of the people who shared your name in Christian history.
- You might want to choose the name of a saint who represents the type of Christian you wish to be.



RESEARCH YOUR NAME

Whether you reaffirm your baptismal name or add a new name at Confirmation, research the life of your Christian namesake. Find out how they serve as an example for your faith journey. **You will be asked to write a short report on the Saint whose name you have chosen to take as your Confirmation name. The research you do will help you focus on the reasons for your decision.**

Web-sites to check out:

lifeteen.com (type in the word Saints in the search box)

<https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/saints>

<https://mycatholic.life/saints/>