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**Getting to know the Saints**

One fun aspect of receiving Confirmation is that you may choose the name of a saint. The Sacraments of Baptism, Communion, and Confirmation all go together as “Sacraments of Initiation or Welcoming.” As a baby, you were welcomed into God’s family and were Baptized in “The name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” During the Sacrament of Confirmation, as in any Sacrament, you will receive God’s grace and connect or “seal” what was begun in Baptism. God’s grace helps us to be the best we can be.

As Catholics we learn in the bible, whenever someone had a great change of heart or conversion, often their name changed. For example, Abram became Abraham, Saul Paul became known as Paul, and Simon Peter became known as Peter. At Confirmation, you have the opportunity to choose a saint name. There are so many saints to choose from in our Roman Catholic tradition, so this exercise is a way to help with that.

What does it mean to be a saint? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Which saint are you named after? It may be your middle name.

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What does “patron” saint mean? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Now that you know what “patron” saint means, many countries have a “patron” saint. What is the patron saint of the country or countries your family members are from. America, Ireland, Italy, Peru, Vietnam, Greece, Germany, etc., all have patron saints.

Country: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Patron of that country: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Patron of that country: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

List some of your favorite activities: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Pick one or two and find out who the patron saint of that activity is:

Activity: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Patron of that activity: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Activity: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Patron of that activity: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What we consider professions today also have patrons.

Who is the patron saint of police? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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What about you? What would you like to be when you grow up? Who is the patron saint

of that?\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

And, who is the patron saint of young people? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Due: November 29th (email - be sure to “save as” with your name as part of the file)**

**Or hand it in to your teacher.**