

# **The Christ Initiative Confirmation Preparation Saint Research Project**

## **Due Date**

**Year 1:** 11/28 for St. Agnes and 11/29 for St. Rose

**Year 2:** 10/29 for St. Agnes and 10/28 or 10/30 for St. Rose

## **The saints, our teachers, and members of your training team**

What an incredible gift we have in the communion of saints. The saints are like us! They are our ancestors, our teachers, our friends, our siblings. They are real, truly human. They are sinners, they are repentant children of God.

The saints lived on this earth and experienced suffering, joy, pain, broken promises, peace, frustration, war, injury, heart-break... they know our hearts. But mostly, they know what it takes to be united with God here on this messy earth. They know what it takes to live well for Him.

## **Why a saint for Confirmation?**

We choose a Confirmation saint (like we choose a Confirmation sponsor) not out of due diligence to the “rule,” but rather because we realize how unfortunate it would be to travel alone. We recognize how important it is to know your Confirmation saint not only by name, but also by story. The saints have so much to teach us about this journey, and their intercessory prayer can support us as run the “marathon” of the Christian life.

## **Task:**

- Research Catholic Saints. Take time to learn about their stories, then prayerfully choose a saint who speaks to you somehow (personality, gifts of the Holy Spirit, virtues). This saint will now be your “Confirmation Saint Buddy”. Ask for their prayers, and they will surely guide you as you seek a closer relationship with God.
- Prepare a summary of your saint’s life and achievements and be ready to share with Confirmation coordinator and small group by the due date listed above. Feel free to get creative with how you present your saint!
- Please include prayers written by your chosen saint.

Recommended websites for research:

<https://www.catholic.org/saints/>

<http://www.bostoncatholic.org/Being-Catholic/Content.aspx?id=11468>