

## GRADE 9 ASSIGNMENT – CHOOSING YOUR CONFIRMATION NAME

### Your Name – Your Identity.

Your name gives you an identity; it tells others who you are. When you were born, your parents chose your name. At your Baptism, you were called by this name and christened as a child of God. Your first name is your “Christened Name,” and Baptism is your membership in the Christian Community. Think of your name as the most important gift you’ve received.

In the Rite of Confirmation, you are also called by name, but this time, YOU choose it. For your Confirmation name, the Church encourages you to select a saint’s name, or you may choose the name you were given at Baptism to emphasize the strong connection between these two Sacraments.

*Now is the time to decide which name you’ll choose for Confirmation.* A good starting point would be the lists that have been uploaded to <https://bedfordcatholic.org/9and10> to help you. Another good resource is <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/saints>.

Learn as much as you can about the saint you’ve chosen; after all, you are choosing this saint to be your spiritual friend, and an advocate and intercessor for life.

### Your Assignment:

Please write a one-page essay on the saint whose name you’ve chosen, and tell me why that saint’s particular qualities or virtues appeal to you.

- What did you find encouraging or empowering about their approach to life, their faith, and their journey?
- What stood out to you about this saint?
- What do you admire about them?
- Could you relate to their story?
- If your saint shares your first name – or the name of a family or friend that you’d like to honor – please tell me which qualities they exemplify that you’d also like to model to others.

Please write your essay, proofread it for content (be sure to answer the above questions!), spelling and grammar, and save it as a Word document **with your name at the top**, then email it to me at [michelle@bedfordcatholic.org](mailto:michelle@bedfordcatholic.org). Please do not send a link to a Google document unless you have granted me permission to view it. Thank you!

**All essays are due by 5 PM Sunday, December 18, 2022.**