

Archbishop John C. Nienstedt has asked that all Confirmation Candidates choose a saint. Here are some excerpts from his letter which can be found on our website: www.stjosephwaconia.org

“All of us need heroes! Whether it is in the area of athletics, or science, or politics, or even parenting (maybe especially parenting), all of us need role models that we can look up to and emulate...

It is my wish that each Confirmation candidate will choose the name of a real, legitimate saint who is well known to that individual. It may be the saint of one’s baptismal designation, or the saint’s name your parents or grandparents carry, or a saint whose life you have read and whose example you wish to follow. But the name you choose should link you with the communion of saints in heaven with whom we worship God, the Father, every time we participate in the Mass...

Most internet websites provide incorrect or inadequate information about the saints. The Vatican does provide a more authoritative website at www.vatican.va and is a wonderful resource for learning about the saints.

Choosing a name for Confirmation is an important step in the process of preparation. I ask each candidate to pray, study, and choose a saint in whom he or she can place their confidence not just for today, but for many years to come”

What reasons does the Archbishop give for requiring Confirmation candidates to choose a saint?

According to the Archbishop, what should the name of the saint link us to?

The Archbishop asks that each candidate choose a saint through prayer and study of the saint’s life. Write a prayer below asking the Lord to help you find a saint whom you can relate to:

PLEASE NOTE: The saint you choose must be found on the saint list provided by the Archbishop.

As the Archbishop said in his letter, many of the websites provide incorrect information about the saints. Saints books are available in the Parish Office. You can also use the following websites to complete this form: <http://www.catholic.org/saints/> OR <http://www.catholicforum.com/saints/patron02.htm>

After studying the life of the saint you have chosen, **write a paragraph below showing me that this saint is well known to you.** (You may want to include when and where he/she lived as well as his/her feast day and classification found on the saint list).

How can this saint be a role model for you? What qualities does this saint possess that you can imitate?

This saint has attained the goal we all seek, which is Heaven. Write a prayer below placing your confidence in the Lord through this saint and his/her prayers for you: