



## SAINT Project

**Due Date: April 27, 2022**

This report should be 1 or 2 pages long. It can be **NEATLY** written or typed and must be explained in your own words. An information sheet on “How Saints are Chosen” is included. Attached is a **Saint Project Cover Sheet that needs to be completed and handed in with your report.**

### Requirements:

- Picture of your Saint on cover
- Full name of the Saint. Tell if they are a “patron saint” and if so, of what.
- Date/Place of Birth of Saint
- Background of your Saints life.
- Why they became a Saint
- How long did your Saint live
- Date of death
- Your Saint’s Feast Day
- How do you want to model your life after this Saint?

Remember to include:

- Why do you think this person is a Saint?
- What qualities do they have you admire?
- Why did you choose this name and Saint? (at least a paragraph)
- Did your Saint have a special gift? Did they suffer when they died?
- How was their life similar to Jesus’ life?

There are many resources out there to help you research your Saint. There are many websites on the internet and below are a few you might find useful.

<http://saintsresource.com/>

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/saints/>

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

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/source/saint-of-the-day/>

## **How Saints are Chosen:**

Many of the world's religions give special status on people who demonstrate a life of almost perfect virtue. Religions differ on the title assigned to these people. The Catholic Church calls them saints.

The process by which someone becomes a saint is called canonization. The Catholic Church has canonized around 3,000 people -- the exact number is unknown because not all saints were officially canonized. According to the church, the Pope does not make someone a saint -- the designation of sainthood only recognizes what God has already done. For centuries, saints were chosen through public opinion. In the 10th century, Pope John XV developed an official canonization process.

Here are the steps that must be followed in the process of canonization:

1. A local bishop investigates the candidate's life and writings for evidence of heroic virtue. The information uncovered by the bishop is sent to the Vatican.
2. A panel of theologians and the cardinals of the Congregation for Cause of Saints evaluate the candidate's life.
3. If the panel approves, the pope proclaims that the candidate is venerable, which means that the person is a role model of Catholic virtues.
4. The next step toward sainthood is beatification, which allows a person to be honored by a particular group or region. In order to beatify a candidate, it must be shown that the person is responsible for a posthumous miracle. Martyrs -- those who died for their religious cause -- can be beatified without evidence of a miracle. On Oct. 20, 2003, Mother Teresa was beatified. On September 4, 2016 she was canonized, a saint by Pope Francis. She is known today as St. Teresa of Calcutta.
5. In order for the candidate to be considered a saint, there must be proof of a second posthumous miracle. If there is, the person is canonized.

These alleged miracles must be submitted to the Vatican for verification. Sister Teresa Benedicta of the Cross was canonized in 1997 after the Vatican verified that a young girl who ate seven times the lethal dose of Tylenol was suddenly cured. The girl's family was said to have prayed to the spirit of Sister Teresa for help.

**Saint Project Cover Sheet**

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Name of Saint (full name)

Students Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Student signature

Date

Parent Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent Signature

Date