

Patron Saint Essay

Year 1: Draft Due November 2nd, 2026. Final due December 7th, 2026.

Year 2: Draft Due October 19th, 2026. Final due November 30th, 2026.

To connect more deeply with your confirmation saint, we will be writing a short research essay that covers your chosen saint's life, miracles, and patronage, and shares your interest and connection with the saint.

Resources for learning about saints

Books - Students are welcome to borrow books on saints from St. Anthony's library. Students might also find books in the local library, or friends from class may have books on saints in their home.

Websites - The following websites are good options for researching information on saints:

- [EWTN](#) has a comprehensive list of saints with detailed biographical information.
- [Catholic.org](#) has short summaries of thousands of saints and beati.
- [Saints.SQPN](#) is a good resource for dates, patronages, and short summaries.
- [Catholic-saints.info](#) has basic information on many saints.

Videos:

- [Formed.org](#) has videos and movies of popular saints. Students are welcome to watch a video and take notes on their chosen saints. Families can get free access to Formed through Saint Anthony's. Visit [this link](#) to learn more about logging into Formed.org.

You may use other sources as well, as long as they are reputable and listed in your works cited.

Directions

After reading about your chosen saint, write a 2-page essay. Essays may be typed or handwritten. All essays should include your name, the due date, and a title for your essay. If your essay is typed, it should be double spaced in 12 point font, Times New Roman, 1 inch margins. If handwritten, please double space on lined paper with neat, legible handwriting. Paragraphs should be 5-7 sentences in length. **You may follow these guidelines if you'd like:**

Paragraph 1: Introduce saint by describing biographical information such as:

- Name
- Place of origin
- Date of birth and date of death
- What is this saint most known for
- Why this saint is important

Paragraphs 2 and 3: Provide details about saint's life, examples could include:

- How and where your saint grew up
- Your saint's education and formation, or events that impacted their life
- His or her vocation
- How this saint was called by God to serve
- How he or she spent their time
- Where the saint traveled and served
- Most famous actions or miracles while alive

Paragraphs 4/5: What is distinguishing/notable about this saint? Could include:

- How this saint died
- What was the saint's legacy or impact?
- When the saint was canonized
- Specific miracles attributed to the saint
- This saint is the patron of ____ (country/occupation/other)
- What is this saint remembered for? If possible, include a quote.

Final paragraph: Summarize your saint and describe why you chose him or her. What is it that draws you to this saint? How do you hope to imitate their example of holiness and Christian witness?

Works Cited

Students should provide a simple works cited page (a separate page) at the end of their paper that includes at least two different sources with the following format, footnotes or endnotes are not necessary.

Books: Title of book, publisher, author, and page numbers from which you have quoted or taken information.

Website: name of website, author of article or entry if provided

Movie: Title of movie, year of publication

Revisions and Edits

We're looking forward to reading through student essays! We are always happy to review rough drafts and share feedback. We are asking students to treat this seriously and submit a draft to be edited.