

## SUMMER PROJECT Instructions

You are being asked to research the lives of two (2) saints of your choice.

The purpose of your research is:

- to gather and record a little bit of biographical information on each saint;
- to gather and record your personal insight about each saint;
- to continue to experience in a deeper way your friendship with Christ with the help of the communion of saints.

You will present your research and reflections by following the outline on the back side of this page. Please write about each saint on a separate page. Please use the following guidelines:

- girls must choose a female saint, boys a male saint;
- this saint must currently be celebrated in the Canon of Saints for the Roman Catholic Church;
- the copyright source of your research must be noted so that Faith Formation staff may verify the information you present.

### HOW DO I GO ABOUT CHOOSING MY TWO SAINTS ?

To get you started: read the statement, then write a response on the blank.

- your Baptismal name or the Baptismal name of someone special to you; \_\_\_\_\_
- the saint whose "feast day" is on or near your birth date (month/day); \_\_\_\_\_
- the name of the parish at which you were baptized; \_\_\_\_\_
- using your schedule from this year, you will find a listing of saints and their "feast days" (look at the bottom of each week); \_\_\_\_\_

### WHERE CAN I FIND BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION ON THE SAINTS ?

- the library                      - bookstores                      -St. Andrew Faith Formation Office (appt. 574-2411)
- the internet: [www.catholic-forum.com](http://www.catholic-forum.com)    [www.catholiconline.org](http://www.catholiconline.org)    [www.catholic.org/saints](http://www.catholic.org/saints)  
[www.americancatholic.org](http://www.americancatholic.org)    [www.faithfirst.com](http://www.faithfirst.com)

### DEADLINE

- Ms. Anne and Dr. Carmine will be reading everyone's work. They desire to better understand you and to assist in your continued spiritual growth during this next year.

**This project should be handed in by formal registration in August.**

- For your convenience, this project can be left at Saint Andrew Faith Formation Office anytime during the summer months. There is a mailbox near the door if no one is in the office.

### QUESTIONS

Even the simplest question deserves a response. Contact Ms. Anne Spears at the Faith Formation Office, 574-2411, or at [aspears@standrewrcc.org](mailto:aspears@standrewrcc.org) Be sure to enter the words "**CF2 Summer Project**" in the subject box because I do not open mail from sources unknown to me and I do not have everyone's e-mail address recorded.

*Thank You, Ms. Anne Spears*

Submit 'Summer Project' using format below:

Please use a separate piece of paper for each of the two saints you write about and follow the five steps below for each saint.

1. Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

telephone number \_\_\_\_\_; e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

2. Saint's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Include full name. For example there are over 50 "St. Johns." "John" could be - St. John the Evangelist Apostle), or St. John of the Cross, or St. John the Almsgiver, or St. John Chrysotom, or Bl. John XXIII (pope), or St. John the Baptist, or St. John the Baptist de la Salle or St. John the Baptist Vianney, etc.

3. A simple biography:

My source for the research about this saint is \_\_\_\_\_.

(website address; title of book, author, page or pages, copyright date, publishing company)

Write a brief summary of the saint's life. You can include his/her feast day. You may also wish to mention any special causes, accomplishments, or if patron saint of an occupation or group of people.

4. Student's personal insight and reflections using the following questions:

A. This saint was called by God our Father.

What did this saint see that others did not see?

What did this saint see as the brokenness (need) of his/her society?

Do you think this saint was guessing or trusting that he/she was doing the will of the Father?

Explain.

B. This saint responded to God our Father's call, by serving together with Christ.

What did this saint do in response to the brokenness (need) of his/her society?

What sacrifices did he/she make?

How is Jesus a part of these sacrifices?

What obstacles did he/she face?

How do you see Jesus serving in this saint's life?

C. As this saint responded together with Christ, this saint was guided and strengthened by the Holy Spirit.

Which *Gifts of the Holy Spirit* did this saint use to do the Father's will?

Explain how this saint used these *Gifts*. (*Gifts of the Spirit*, Old Testament, Isaiah 11:1-2 or page 58 of your blue textbook, *One Faith, One Lord*.)

In using the *Gifts of the Holy Spirit* this saint brought the *Fruits of the Holy Spirit* to the world.

Which *Fruits of the Holy Spirit* do you see the world experiencing because of this saint's choices? (*Fruits of the Spirit*, New Testament, Galatians 5:22-23 – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, fidelity, gentleness, and self-control.)

D. I desire to use this saint's life to impact my friendship with Christ and thus my life.

What have you learned from this saint's life about doing the will of the Father?

How do you think you can use this learning to help you to do the will of the Father?

Pick at least two *Gifts of the Holy Spirit* and tell how you would try to use these *Gifts* based your life, your goals, your dreams, and on what you have learned from this saint's life.