

Confirmation Written Assignments – St. Clare Parish

Typed Letter to the Bishop: Due Dec. 1, 2011

- ❑ Date the letter.
- ❑ Address the letter to:
Most Rev. Edward K. Braxton, Ph.D., S.T.D.
Diocese of Belleville
The Chancery
222 South Third St.
Belleville, IL 62220
- ❑ Start the Letter, “Dear Bishop Braxton,”
- ❑ In the first paragraph, introduce yourself and tell him what parish you are from. Tell the bishop why you are writing to him – to request the sacrament of Confirmation. You may include something about yourself, if you choose
- ❑ In the second paragraph, share something about your faith that is important to you. It could be a story, or you could tell the bishop what is your favorite part of your Catholic faith. You are trying to tell the bishop WHY you want to be confirmed. You may tell your Confirmation name and why you chose it. You may tell your sponsor’s name and why you selected him or her as your sponsor.
- ❑ In the third paragraph, you may conclude with anything else you need to share. Then thank the bishop and tell him you look forward to meeting him at Confirmation.
- ❑ Close with a Salutation of your choosing, such as “Sincerely,”
- ❑ Sign the letter.
- ❑ Underneath your signature, type your name and return address.
- ❑ Your letter must be approved by your PSR teacher or Mrs. Kres, who will check it for content, grammar and spelling.

* Once approved, submit your letter to the St. Clare Parish Office. Do NOT mail directly to the Bishop. It will be sent in a group packet from the parish. He will read your letter.

** Letters must be typed.

Patron Saint Report – Choose 1 Option: Due March 30, 2012

Typed Paper Option

Typed, double-spaced

12-point Times New Roman font

1-inch margins on all sides

Please put your Patron Saint’s Name (ex: St. Clare of Assisi, not “Clare”) at the top left of the page and underline it. Put your full name at the top right of the page – do not underline your own name.

Your paper must be 3-4 pages in length (not 2 ½ or even 2 ¾). Indent paragraphs five (5) spaces, and do not skip lines between paragraphs. I will return unacceptable papers for revision.

Page 1 - Discuss when and where your saint lived. What was going on in his/her world?

Page 2 – Review the special challenges and accomplishments your patron saint is known for. When was he/she named a saint, by which pope (if applicable), and what is the feast day?

Page 3 – Explain why you picked your patron saint. Why is your saint important? What about him/her do you admire and want to imitate?

Your paper may be submitted in paper form to the Parish Office or you may e-mail it to janeadotson@yahoo.com. E-mail submissions must be in Microsoft Word format. Paper submissions should have a staple in the top left corner. No covers or paperclips.

PowerPoint Slideshow Option

Please put your Patron Saint's Name (ex: St. Clare of Assisi, not "Clare") in the middle of the cover page and underline it. Put your full name underneath your Patron Saint's name – do not underline your own name.

Call Jane Dotson (632-3562) to schedule an oral presentation at the parish office, which should be presented by March 30.

Page 1	Title Page
Page 2	Discuss when and where your saint lived.
Page 3-5	What was going on in his/her world at that time? Review any challenges your patron saint faced in his/her life. Did your patron saint have any enemies or ongoing debates?
Page 6-7	What accomplishments is your patron saint known for?
Page 8	When was he/she named a saint, by which pope (if applicable), and what is the feast day?
Page 9-10	Explain why you picked your patron saint. Why do you admire your saint? What qualities of your saint would you like to imitate?
Page 11-12	Why do you think your saint is important in today's world?

You may bring your presentation in paper or CD form to the parish office at your oral presentation, or you may e-mail it to janeadotson@yahoo.com. E-mail submissions must be in Microsoft PowerPoint format. Paper submissions should have a staple in the top left corner. No covers or paperclips.

* The use of artwork and other creative touches are highly encouraged, but remember that this is a presentation. Substance is still important to include in your slideshow.

** It is even more important to know your saint well. Conversational questions will be asked. Candidates presenting a PowerPoint slideshow may schedule their presentations as a (small) group if they wish.