

When writing your Saint Report...

- ★ Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you to a Saint that you can RELATE to!
- ★ Ask that Saint to pray for you in specific ways!
- ★ Type your double-spaced, one page report on 8.5x11 paper and include:
 - ✓ A variety of details of the life of this Saint
 - ✓ Make sure you explain HOW YOU connect with and relate to this Saint (you can even use the sentences you filled out on this page!)
 - ✓ Explain why you chose this Saint
 - ✓ Use complete sentences and have a parent or sponsor proof read it!
 - ✓ Cite your sources (wikipedia is NOT a valid source)
- ★ As readers read your Saint report, they will learn about that Saint and learn about YOU too!
- ★ Turn in your Saint Report by your February Session (Feb. 25 or 26, 2018).

In What Ways do you Relate to Saints?

When you find a Saint you can relate to, fill in these sentences:

I can relate to Saint _____ because we both _____.

In the course of Saint _____'s life, he/she experienced _____. I too, have experienced something like this when _____.

Saint _____ was passionate about or really enjoyed _____. I, too, am passionate about or really enjoy _____.

(please go into some detail as to HOW or WHAT you do)

I will ask Saint _____ to pray for me in regards to _____.

Helpful websites on Saints:

<http://lifeteen.com/blog/biggest-best-list-confirmation-saints-guys-girls/>
<http://www.americancatholic.org/Features/Saints/patrons.asp> (Check out Saint of the Day)
<http://www.holyspiritinteractive.net/kids/saints/> (GREAT SHORT SAINT STORIES!)

What Saints can you Relate to?

If you answer YES to the question, circle the letter.

When finished, tally up how many of each letter you circled.

1. Are you INTELLIGENT OR **STRONG WILLED** ? A
2. Are you able to **overcome difficulties** in life? E
3. Do you *enjoy writing* about your experiences, thoughts, ideas, or life? T
4. Do you enjoy **public speaking**, talking in front of others, or persuading others? A
5. Do you recognize that even the "**little things**" you do can bring glory to God--and do you strive to live out your faith in "little ways"? T
6. Do you like to **perform** or clown around for fun? B
7. Do you like **working with your hands** and make practical stuff? B
8. Do you like to help **poor people**? B & A
9. Do you get along well with your siblings? T
10. Have you ever been made fun of because of your faith? E
11. Do you disagree with or rebel from your **parents**? A
12. Do you desire to be a loving **mother & wife**? E
13. Did your mother or father **die** when you were young? T & B & E
14. Do you enjoy parties and seek out social connections and friends? A
15. Did you ever experience, or now have a **serious illness** or medical condition? T
16. Do you enjoy working with and **teaching** Children? B & E

How many of each letter did you circle:

E = _____ B = _____ A = _____ T = _____

Which 2 letters do you have the most of? Circle their names:

E = St. Elizabeth Ann Seton B = St. John Bosco A = St. Augustine T = St. Therese

Now check out the blurbs of those Saints on the next page...

E: Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

She was born in New York City, and her mother, Catherine, died when Elizabeth was just three years old. As a teenager, she did many things to help poor people. When Elizabeth was nineteen she married a rich merchant who owned a fleet of ships. Elizabeth, William and their five children had a happy life together. But ten years later, William lost his fortune and his good health within a short time. His wife heard that the weather in Italy might help him get better. Elizabeth, William and their oldest daughter, Anna, traveled there by ship. But William did not get better and finally died of tuberculosis. When she returned home to New York she decided to become a Catholic. Her family and friends did not understand. They were very upset, but she went ahead with courage. To support her family and make sure her children received a proper education, Elizabeth opened a school in Boston and ran it like a religious community. She started many Catholic schools and a few orphanages. She made plans for a hospital, which was opened after her death. Elizabeth loved to write, but was loved most for her care of the poor and the sick. If something should happen that changes our lives from happy to difficult, let us turn to God as Mother Seton did and ask for His help. God can help bring out our hidden talents and we are then able to do things we never dreamed possible.



B: Saint John Bosco

John Bosco was born in Turin, Italy. His parents were poor farmers. His father died when John was only two years old. John and his brothers helped their mother work on the farm as she struggled to keep the family together. He was intelligent and full of life. By the age of nine, John wanted to become a priest and his mother let him go to school. He learned to do all kinds of trades. He was a carpenter, a shoemaker, a cook, a pastry maker and a farmer.

John liked to go to circuses, fairs and carnivals, and practice the tricks he saw magicians perform, and then present one-boy shows. After his performance, while he still had an audience of boys, he would repeat the sermon he had heard in church that day. As a priest, Father Bosco gathered together the

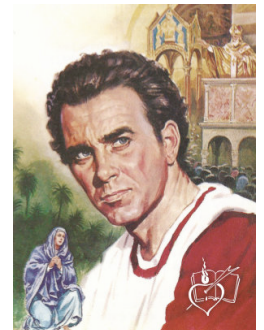


homeless boys in his city and taught them trades. This way they would not have to steal or get into trouble. He loved these children, however naughty they were, and the boys loved him because John Bosco always encouraged them.

Every morning he would say Mass for his students giving them beautiful sermons and telling them interesting stories. He asked the young boys to imitate Jesus in everything they did - whether it was work, study or play and told them that God wanted everyone to be saints as He had a great reward waiting for them. His advice to them was, "Pray when it's time to pray. Study when it's time to study. Play when it's time to play. Show kindness to everyone you meet. But do it all for the love of Jesus."

A: St. Augustine

St. Augustine was born in Tagaste in modern Algeria. This famous son of St. Monica spent many years living a wicked life and in false beliefs. He was one of the most intelligent persons who ever lived. Augustine was brought up in a Christian atmosphere by his mother. But he became so proud and bad that in the end he could not see or understand holy truths anymore. His mother Monica prayed daily for her son's conversion. The marvelous sermons of St. Ambrose made their impact too. Finally, Augustine became convinced that Christianity was the true religion. Yet he did not become a Christian then, because he thought he could never live a pure life. Then one day, after hearing God speaking to his heart in prayer, he decided to be baptized and ordained a priest and he later became a bishop. He was a famous Catholic writer and started the Augustinian order. He became one of the greatest saints who ever lived. On the wall of his room, he had the following sentence written in large letters: "Here we do not speak evil of anyone." St. Augustine corrected strong false teachings, lived a simple life and cared for the poor.



T: Saint Therese of Lisieux:

St. Theresa, who was often called the Little Flower, was born in Normandy in France. She had four older sisters. Theresa was a very lively, lovable little girl and her father called her his "little queen." Yet she could also be too sensitive and irritable. Theresa wanted very much to enter the Carmelite convent where two of her sisters were already nuns. But since she was only fifteen, they did not let her. Theresa felt sure that Jesus wanted her to spend her life loving him alone. She kept praying and asking the superior to let her join the convent. She even dared to ask Pope Leo XIII himself to grant her heart's desire and finally she was allowed to enter. Although she was only fifteen, Theresa did not expect to be treated like a child. "Obedience, prayer and sacrifice" were her duty. She had a thirst to suffer for love of God. Theresa had the spiritual courage of a real heroine. "May Jesus make me a martyr of the heart or of the body-or better, both!" she wrote. And she meant it. In winter she suffered from the bitter cold and dampness of her plain bedroom. Whenever she was made fun of or insulted, she would offer her pain to her beloved Jesus. She told Jesus to do with her whatever was his will. Sister Theresa tried hard to be humble. She called her great belief in God her "little way" to holiness. The Little Flower died on September 30, 1897. "O Jesus, my love, my vocation, at last I have found it. My vocation is LOVE!"

