

**DUE DATE: February 2**

## **THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS**

This required project for Confirmation is your home study lesson for January 26<sup>th</sup>. Please email me [kbrennan@stnicholasfreedom.org](mailto:kbrennan@stnicholasfreedom.org) your completed paper or bring it with you to class on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you don't turn this in by February 3<sup>rd</sup> you may not be able to be Confirmed this spring.

### **My Patron-Sharing the Story of Your Saint**

The tradition of taking on a new name to show a new role can be traced back to the Old Testament. When Abram was called to lead his people to believe in the one God, his name was changed from Abram to Abraham, "*Father of many nations.*" Again, in the New Testament we find Simon's name changed to Peter, meaning "*rock*", because he is the rock upon which Jesus founded his Church.

Now that you are about to be confirmed, it is time to choose the name you will take as a sign of your growth in faith. You may also choose your Baptismal name as Confirmation is the completion of the Baptism experience.

*"I believe in the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints. . . "*

Saint Teresa of Calcutta discovered God's mission for her life in serving the poorest of the poor. Her simple yet profound message rings out clearly in today's world: We are all called to this earth in order that God's love and compassion might be given human form through our actions. She believed that:

*The fruit of silence is prayer. The fruit of prayer is faith. The fruit of faith is love. The fruit of love is service. The fruit of service is peace.*

### **Saint Research/Confirmation Patron**

Please write a 500-800-word reflection paper, using a minimum of two sources, explaining the following:

- Who is your Saint? What makes him/her special?
- When was he/she born? When did he/she die?
- How did this person live the Faith?
- What can you learn from this person? What is important to you about this Saint?
- Don't forget to site your resources! (What books/websites did you use?)