

# SAINT REPORT GUIDELINES

**DUE: January 8, 2027**

**Directions:** Use this guide to write a thoughtful saint report. You may copy the examples given for a thesis but include your own details about the saint you have chosen. This is meant to be a substantial report that demonstrates you know your chosen saint well. The report should be double spaced, 12 point font, 1 inch margins if typed. Neatly handwritten reports will also be accepted. Be sure to edit for spelling and grammatical errors before turning in.

## **I. Cover Sheet**

- A. Saint's name
- B. Image of saint or symbol for saint
- C. Date of completion of report
- D. Name of candidate in bottom right corner
- E. Name of Group Leader/Parochial school name in bottom right corner

## **II. Five Paragraph Essay**

### **A. Introduction**

1. Start with a hook. This could be a quote from the saint, a question that pulls the reader in: "Is it possible that someone who lived 800 years ago can impact the life of someone in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century?" or "Have you ever thought about a person who lived in the past that you would like to interview?" or "If you could meet with one historical holy person, who would you choose?" Then briefly answer your own question in the next sentence.
2. Make a broad and general statement about your saint: "There are some people who live so well that their life story is timeless." or "Although this person was unknown in his lifetime, generations later he is honored by millions." or "The compelling story of this saint will interest people for generations."
3. Write a thesis statement. Tell what the 3 paragraphs of your report are going to cover. Do not use the phrase, "I am going to tell you about." Instead try something like: "St. Maximillian Kolbe was known for his love of Mary, his powerful prayer life, and his

courage in difficulties.” or “St. Francis of Assisi had an interesting childhood, an incredible adulthood, and attracted me because of his love for poverty.” or “I have chosen St. JPII as my Confirmation saint because his life story is fascinating, he had a love for the Blessed Mother, and he had incredible talent as a writer.” Be sure to include the three ideas you will address in each paragraph in your thesis statement.

#### B. First Body Paragraph

1. Go into detail about your first point from your thesis statement:  
“St. Maximillian Kolbe loved the Blessed Mother.”
2. Back up your statement with proof like a quote or a story: “When he was a boy, the Blessed Mother appeared to him and offered him 2 crowns: one red and one white. He told Mary that he wanted both; a crown of purity and a crown of martyrdom. She told him he would receive both.”
3. Tell why that was interesting to you: . “I would love to have a relationship with the Blessed Mother too.”

#### C. Second Body Paragraph

1. Repeat the formula from above using the second point from your thesis statement.
2. Be sure to help the paragraphs flow by using a connecting statement when you start this paragraph: “St. Kolbe was not only devoted to Mary, but he also had a powerful prayer life.” or “His relationship with Mary was so strong because he prayed faithfully.”

#### D. Third Body Paragraph

1. Repeat the formula from above using the third point from your thesis statement.
2. Be sure to help the paragraphs flow by using a connecting statement when you start this paragraph.

## E. Conclusion

1. Make a general statement about why you like your saint: “St. Maximillian Kolbe was a hero to be admired.”
2. Restate your thesis in a new format: “Because of his inspiring courage, his faithful prayer life, and his friendship with Mary, St. Maximillian Kolbe is a wonderful role model to follow.”
3. Tell what you hope to do/learn from your saint: “ I hope that if I ever am in a horrible situation where I am persecuted for my faith, I will be as courageous as St. Maximillian Kolbe.”