

# Alexander Chirinos. My Confirmation Saint Project. 10/8/24

To begin with, Saint Peter the Apostle, Simeon Peter, Simon, or Cephas, was one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus Christ. He also was one of the first leaders of the early Christian Church. He became the first bishop of Rome in not earlier than the middle or late 2nd century, and also the bishop of Antioch. He appears repeatedly and prominently in all New Testament gospels as well as the Acts of the Apostles. He is the patron saint of Popes and of Rome and of many cities that bear his name, such as St. Petersburg, and Saint-Pierre.

Peter left his fishing net along with his brother Andrew to be called by Jesus. Jesus had also given the name he has, which comes from Aramaic word: Kepha meaning “rock”. Peter accompanied Jesus to Galilee, Judea, Jerusalem, and Samaria. Once Pentecost ended, Peter was the leader of the Apostles. He would then go on and travel through Palestine and Asia Minor, performing miracles and converting many followers.

Originally in the Catholic Church, Peter is considered important because he is believed to be the first pope, then chosen by Jesus to lead the church. A 2nd reason is his leadership role, this is because Jesus had seen his potential in him. A third reason is the “keys of the kingdom”. Initially in the Bible, Jesus had gave Peter “Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven”, which would symbolize his power to open the gates of heaven and guide people to salvation. A fourth reason is martyrdom.

I can relate to him because we both make mistakes. We also need to remember to learn from these mistakes, and not to do it again. That we are both different people, and do different things of ways in life. Why I can relate to him: We are both human and commit sin. We also are God’s people and creation.

In conclusion, there are many reasons why Saint Peter is important to the Catholic Church and faith. One of the reasons was that he became the first bishop in not earlier than the second century. It was