Student Name _____

CHOOSING YOUR CONFIRMATION NAME

Your name gives you an identity; it tells others who you are. When you were born, your parents chose your name. (If you do not know your parents' reason for choosing your name, ask them about it.) At your Baptism you were called by this name and christened to become a child of God. Your first name is your "Christened Name" and Baptism is your membership in the Christian Community. Think of your name as the most important gift you have received. It is by this name you are known and by your word that you develop trust with others.

In the Rite of Confirmation you are also called by Name. The Church encourages you to select a saint's name or choose the name you were given at Baptism as your Confirmation Name to emphasize the strong connection between these two Sacraments. If your baptismal name is not a saint's name, you should choose one for Confirmation.

It is important to learn as much as you can about the saint you have chosen. After all, you are choosing this saint to be your friend and advocate for the rest of your life.

When you decide on a saint's name, use the space below to write a short essay on this saint whose name you have chosen. Every saint is known for particular qualities or virtues. By imitating the qualities of this saint you can more fully live out this beautiful Faith and Baptism you are confirming.

Please attach another sheet of paper if you need more space