

Confirmation Saint Name

As a candidate for the celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation, you have two options concerning the choice of Confirmation name.

Option 1: Choose your present, baptismal name (your first name or middle name **only** if it is a Saint name). This shows the sacrament's connection with the other sacraments of initiation into the Catholic Church: Baptism and First Eucharist. *Choosing your Baptismal name demonstrates that you feel there has been a continual growth in your faith and that you now wish to make this formal through Confirmation.*

Option 2: Choose a Saint that symbolizes a new beginning in your faith life and a connection to that particular saint. If you feel that you have not been particularly strong in your faith and are now making a renewed commitment to your faith, the taking of a new name symbolizes this commitment. This new name would be used after your present middle name and before your family name. *(Something to think about: Have there ever been Saints who may have chosen YOU...? You keep hearing their name, seeing their picture, or hearing about them through other people... sometimes it's not us who chose the Saint, but the Saint who chooses US...)*

Saint Name Essay

After you have selected your Confirmation name, write a one page essay on your Saint name. Some elements that you can include in your paper are:

- What name you chose
- Why you chose that name
- What that name means to you and your faith life
- What inspires you about the life of your patron saint you selected
- What virtues did your saint display that you would like to develop
- A summary of the life and spirituality of your saint
- If you are using your Baptismal name, why were you named that name

Deadline for turning in your letter to the Faith Formation Office: December 15, 2021

*"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name: you are mine."
Isaiah 43:1*
