

Choosing a Confirmation Name

"So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold new things have come." 2 Corinthians 5:17



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What's in a name?

When you were born, your parents chose your name. They may have chosen your name in honor of a special person in their lives: a grandparent, aunt or uncle, or close friend. They may have chosen your name for the meaning behind it. Perhaps they chose your name because they felt a close connection to it or it was selected with a Saint in mind. Maybe they just really liked your name! Most likely, it was a combination of many factors. (If you do not know why your parents chose the name they did for you, why not ask them about it?)

Your name gives you an identity; it tells others who you are. Throughout our lives, we will identify ourselves with many names- the name of the mascot (Knights!) of our school, the name of the region of the country we live in, the title of the career we choose.

However, there is a name above all names that, through our Baptism, we should strive to be known to the world by- and that name is Catholic Christian. At your Baptism, you were called by name and christened to become a child of God. You entered into the Catholic community by name.

Now it is your turn!

As a part of your preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, you have the privilege and responsibility, just like your parents did when you were born, to choose a name. You are not required to take on a new name but are welcomed to take on an additional name. Pray about it, should you take on a new name? Talk it over with your sponsor and parent. Think about the following:

- You can choose your baptismal name **or** you can choose a completely new Saints name.
- Taking on a new name does NOT mean you will no longer be known by your given name. It marks this occasion and step in your faith journey. Your Confirmation name follows your middle name, i.e. "Mary Jane Therese Smith", Therese might be taken for [St. Therese](#) a young girl who fought to enter the convent to become a nun to serve God.
- If you chose to take a new name it should be a Saint's name. Which saint do you admire most? Many of our aunts, uncles, and even grandparents are named after a Saint. Does their life reflect the life of Jesus? Does he/she participate in the sacraments, attend worship, and practice works of mercy? Perhaps you will consider a parent, grandparent, or aunt and uncle who are named after a Saint who models holiness.
- Your Confirmation name should be the name of a saint or your given name.
- PRAY! Just as you should pray about any decision you have to make, ask the Holy Spirit to guide you as you choose a saint as your patron/patroness.

First & Last Name: _____

Confirmation Name: *(Leave blank if not taking a Saint's name)* _____