

## CHOOSING A CONFIRMATION NAME

A name is a sign of power. During the sacrament of Baptism, all sin is forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit and you are given a name. Your name may be a Christian name – a Saint’s name or the name of someone from the Bible. This name may also be a derivative of a Saint’s name. The saint you are named for becomes your patron.

Confirmation is an opportunity to enter into a new relationship with God and the Church, and so it has been a custom to choose a Confirmation name as a symbol of this. **You are able choose your Baptismal name if it is a Christian name, or you may pick the name of a saint of the Church whose life has special meaning to you.** Just remember that this name should be meaningful and have importance to you, not just a name that sounds cool or unique.

***To make sure that the name you choose is significant, you will be required to write a report about this saint telling why you have chosen this name and why they are important to you.***

**Length:** Minimum of half a page, typed, single-spaced

**Typeface:** 12 point font, Times New Roman, single-spaced; no handwritten reports.

**Contents:** When writing your report, consider some of the following questions:

- What is the saint’s full name?
- What point in history did the saint live? How did that effect their life?
- Where did the saint live?
- What difficulties and struggles did the saint encounter?
- How did this saint follow Jesus in the way he/she lived?
- What made the saint worthy of canonization?
- What made you choose this saint as a model for your relationship with God and the world?
- How is this saint an example for your life? What do you have in common with this saint?

**Research:** The Religious Education library has many books available to you for research on the saints of the Church. There are also many websites that have information on saints. If you need any help, please contact Chris and he will gladly give you some suggestions.

**Due Date:** As soon as possible