

CONFIRMATION NAME

Names have always been an important part of our faith. God Himself said, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name: you are mine" (Isaiah 43:1). A new name has often signified a drawing closer to God, as with Abram becoming Abraham (Genesis 17:5), Jacob becoming Israel (Genesis 35:10), and Simon becoming Peter (John 1:42). Popes take a new name as well - the choice of Francis by our current Holy Father sent a clear message as to the kind of Pope he would be.

Choosing a Confirmation name is an opportunity to choose a name that has special meaning to you, a name that will help you in your journey of faith. By choosing a saint's name, you're asking him or her to pray for you in a special way.

It's also important to note that Confirmation names aren't a requirement. It is perfectly acceptable for you to be confirmed under your own name - the name you were baptized with.

Consider this:

"Do NOT choose a name just because the person is popular or famous or because the name sounds good. It should be after a person whom you really admire for their Christian life of goodness, charity and holiness, preferably a saint or a blessed. It's not just about a name you like but a person whose whole life shows how a true friend of Jesus really lives."

Prayerfully ask for guidance in choosing a Confirmation name. Whether you choose to stick with your given name or choose a new name, discovering the ways in which the name helps bring you closer to God is what matters.

So ... what name did you decide on? Complete this sheet and return to your catechist.

Student Name: _____

Confirmation Name: _____

Why I chose this Name: _____
