

Choose a Confirmation Name

In both the Old and New Testament, when God had a new mission for someone, He often gave them a new name. Even without a new name, your name has always told others who you are. God calls on each of us to fulfill a special mission. It may be converting nonbelievers, helping the poor, being a peacemaker or one of many other callings. Confirmation may be the continuation of a mission you began at Baptism, or the beginning of a new mission.

There are two options when deciding on a Confirmation name:

First- Because Confirmation is the strengthening of the work that God began in your life at your Baptism; **it is recommended that you give first preference to using your Baptismal name for Confirmation.** This shows the integral link between Baptism and Confirmation (*note: this applies only if your Baptismal name was a Saint's name.*)

Second- Perhaps you see Confirmation as the beginning of a new mission for you and a fresh beginning in your faith journey. Then you may choose a new name for Confirmation. Your Confirmation name should be that of a Saint you admire or the Saint name of someone you know and look up to as a Christian role-model. There are many helpful websites available to assist you in gathering information about the saints.

Once the candidate has chosen his/her Confirmation name, they must complete a biography of that saint using the form found with this guide. The saint biography is due to the Faith Formation Office by **January 10, 2018**