

Choosing your Confirmation Name

Your name gives you an identity; it tells others who you are. When you were baptized, your parents chose your name. Ask your parents, or whoever named you, how they picked the name you received at birth.

Now that you are about to be confirmed, it is time to choose the name you will take as a sign of your growth in faith.

- It should be important to you.
- It should have a special meaning
- it should express something of what you hope to become as an adult Catholic Christian.

The tradition of taking on a new name to show a new role can be traced back to the Old Testament. When Abram was called to lead his people to believe in the one God, his name was changed from Abram, meaning “father of many,” to Abraham, meaning, “father of many nations.” Again, in the New Testament, we find Simon’s name changed to Peter, meaning “rock,” because he was to become the rock upon which Jesus founded His Church.

In Confirmation you proclaim publicly that you have chosen to live in such a way that your whole life will reflect the love that God first gave at Baptism. For this reason, it is most appropriate for the Confirmation name to be your baptismal name or a saint’s name.

Names of saints are chosen to serve as patrons and models for those being confirmed. They are also intercessors for us in Heaven; your Saint is a friend in Heaven who you can imitate and whose presence you can feel in your life through their prayers for you. You will have plenty of time to discern what confirmation name you will take. Pay attention to the Saints presented at the All-Saints party in November and pray about which one you will choose throughout the year. When you’re ready to choose your Saint, fill out the form below.

Please submit this form to your group leader no later than April 19th, 2026.

Candidate name: _____ Sponsor’s name: _____

I would like to be confirmed with my Baptismal (given) name.

OR

I hereby request to be Confirmed in the name of:
