



CONFIRMATION NAME

REPORT

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CALLED BY NAME

Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name: you are mine. Isaiah 43:1

These words of God through the prophet Isaiah are powerful ones indeed. They tell us of a God who knows us so personally and deeply that he calls us by name.

At the beginning of the rite of Baptism the celebrant asked your parents: “What name do you give your child?” And your parents spoke your name. From that moment on in the rite you were always called by this name.

Parents are encouraged to give their child the name of a saint (for at least one of the names). Why do you think the Church suggests this? It is so that you will have a special friend in heaven to be your guide throughout life.

In the rite of Confirmation, you are again called by name. The Church encourages you to use the saint’s name given to you at Baptism (if that is the case) as your Confirmation name to emphasize the strong connection between these two sacraments, but you have the choice to select a new name too. **If your baptismal name is not a saint’s name, you should choose the name of a saint for Confirmation.** If you do select a new name, be sure it is for the right reason. For example, you might want to honor a relative that is a good role model of the faith by choosing his or her name. You can also choose a saint’s name based on his or her life story if that story inspires you in your life, or based on their patronage.

At the moment the sacrament of Confirmation is conferred, you will stand before the bishop. Your sponsor will place his or her right hand on your shoulder and give your name to the bishop. The bishop will then make the sign of the cross on your forehead with chrism saying, “(Your name), be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.”

Making the Decision

Whether you use your baptismal name or choose a new one, it is important to learn as much as you can about your patron saint. After all, you are asking this saint to be your friend and advocate for the rest of your life.

There are many sources of information available on the saints. Your catechist will have some for you. Your parish school or library also may have books that will help you. An internet search could be very interesting. Finally, speak with some adults who are good Catholic role models and whose opinion you especially value. Don’t pick a name just because it sounds good or because it is popular. Take your time. Pray about it.



My Report on My Confirmation Name

Student's Full Name _____

Confirmation Name Selected _____

Saint Associated with Confirmation Name _____

Saint's Feast Day: _____

Saint's Place of Birth _____

Find out something about this saint's:

❖ Family

❖ Occupation

❖ Life or Death

What virtues did this saint practice in his/her life?

What aspect of this person's Christian life attracted you?

How is this saint a model for Christians today?

Ask your parents or whoever named you - how they picked the name you received at birth...*your full Baptismal name*. Then write your story below about what you found out.

Your full name: _____ Date: _____

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