

THE CHOOSING OF A CHRISTIAN NAME



Many people choose an additional saint's name at Confirmation. The preferred name, however, is the baptismal name because it expresses the relationship that exists between Baptism and Confirmation.

If a new name is taken, however, it should be the name of a recognized saint of the Catholic Church. If the baptismal name is not that of a recognized saint, a new name should be chosen for Confirmation.

Names of saints are chosen to serve as patrons and models for those being confirmed. Candidates should choose a patron saint's name, not because of the attractiveness of the name, but because of the attractiveness of the Christian life led by that person.

1. Saint's Name: _____

Name you have selected to honor this special patron: _____

Feast Day: _____ Saint's Place of Birth: _____

Find out something about this Saint:

- Family: _____

- Occupation: _____
- Life and/or Death: _____

- What virtues did the Saint practice? _____

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

- How is this Saint a model of Christians today? _____

2. Ask your parents: How was your birth name chosen? How was your baptismal name chosen? **Then write (on back) a brief story about what you found out.**

3. Write a paper on your Saint: Write a report on why you chose this particular Saint. Keep in mind the following questions: What part of the Saint's life did I find interesting? Do I have a special connection with this Saint?

Candidate's Full Name: _____ **Date:** _____