

Overview & Outline

This 400-word minimum essay must be turned in by November 30th, 2025, via email (catherines@st-george.org), mail, dropped off at the Church Office, or brought to Confirmation Classes anytime before then.

There are two parts to this essay, and they go hand in hand. The first part is that you are asked to put into words *why* it is that you desire to be Confirmed. Why are you seeking this sacrament, why are you Catholic, why are you here, and what does this sacrament mean to you?

The second part of this essay is about the name you'll be confirmed with. This is part of the Confirmation Preparation Process. This name, typically a Saint's name, should be one that encourages you to be the best you that you can be. You can choose your own name, the name of a Saint (Blessed, Venerable, Servant of God is permitted too), the name of a Biblical figure, etc. But whatever name you choose you need to know why you chose it.

Regarding Confirmation:

- Why do you desire to be confirmed?
- What does this sacrament mean to you?
- Do you feel ready for Confirmation?

If You Choose Your Own Name:

- What does your name mean?
- Were you named after anyone?
 - o If so – how do you aspire to be like the one you were named after?
 - o If not – what does your name mean to you and how do you want people to remember your name?
- Why did you choose to take your own name?

If You Choose a Saint/Blessed/Venerable or Biblical Figure Name:

- Which holy figure did you choose?
- Briefly tell me about this holy figure, their life, their impact, their history
- What about this holy figure inspires you?
- Why did you choose this figure?

This essay will not be graded, but proper grammar & spelling are expected. **AI usage [such as asking ChatGPT or other AI Programs to write any portion of it] is not permitted in the writing of this essay; if AI usage is suspected you will be contacted and may be asked to rewrite your essay.**

Any and all questions should be sent to me, Mrs. Catherine, and I hope you learn something about yourself and your Confirmation name through this essay.

Thank you!