

# Choosing a Confirmation Name

- A candidate may retain their baptismal name rather than choose another. This is pastorally and liturgically preferred (but not required) because it manifests better the unity between Baptism and Confirmation.
- A candidate can choose a special Christian name if desired. If you choose another name other than your baptismal name, look to **saints** and holy people who are truly witnesses of faith for you. Choose the name of a saint you admire and whom you want to be your patron.

## How to choose a name:

1. **PRAY:** Ask God what name you should choose.
2. **RESEARCH:** Go online or look in books about the lives of the saints. Who are you inspired by? Do you have a patron saint? Patron saints are chosen as special protectors or guardians over areas of life. Many choose patron saints because of an interest or a talent that is similar to that of their own life. For example, Saint Cecilia is the patron saint of musicians and Saints Michael, Raphael and Gabriel are the patron saints of police officers.

Here are a list of web sites that may help you in your search: [www.americancatholic.org](http://www.americancatholic.org); [www.catholic.org](http://www.catholic.org); <http://www.catholic-saints.info>

Candidate's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Choice of Confirmation Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Why did you choose this name?** You may want to describe the virtues this saint practiced or what was it about this person's Christian life that attracted you? How is this person a model for you today? Please explain in a well thought out paragraph why you are choosing this name.

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Candidate's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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