CHOOSING A CHRISTIAN NAME

There is no need to choose a separate name for Confirmation as long as the baptismal name of the Candidate is a Christian name. If fact, using the baptismal name for Confirmation is best, because it expressed the relationship that exists between Baptism and Confirmation.

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 that that person led.

Find out more about your patron saint's life. Choose your baptismal name if it is indeed a saint's name. Choose a patron saint for yourself if your baptismal name is not a Christian name and fill out the following:

Saint's Name: _____ Feast Day: _____

Place where Saint lived: _____

Internet or book information on the saint:

- Family: _____
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  _____
- Occupation: _____
- Life and / or death: _____
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  _____
- What virtues did this saint practice in his/her life? _____
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- What aspect of this person's Christian life attracted you? _____
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- How is this saint a model for Christians today? _____
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Ask your parents or whoever named you how they picked the name you received at birth? Your baptismal name? then write (on back) a brief story about what you found out.

Candidate's full name: _____ Date: _____