

CHOOSING A CONFIRMATION NAME

Due March 14, 2012

Why do I need a Confirmation Name?

When you were baptized your parents gave you a name— your baptismal name. Generally this is the name that most people know you by. Your baptism was the beginning of your Christian journey. As you enter into the final stages of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation you have the opportunity to confirm your faith and be re-newed in Christ.

Confirmation Name Options:

- The candidates may retain their baptismal name rather than choose another. The use of the candidate's baptismal name can serve to further emphasize the threefold process of Christian initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.
- However, if a new name is chosen, it should be that of a **biblical figure** or a **Christian saint**.

~Liturgical Guidelines for the Rite of Confirmation in the Diocese of Saint Cloud

How to choose?

1. Research what your baptismal name means. Who is your patron saint? *(See resource list below.)*
 - a. If you are comfortable with who your patron saint is, and you choose to keep your baptismal name for your Confirmation name, then **turn in the form on the backside of this paper** with that name listed no later than March 14, 2012.
 - b. If you are not comfortable with who your patron saint is or do not have a patron saint, then move on to step 2.
2. If you have chosen to select a new name for your Confirmation, then use the websites listed below to help you select the name of a biblical figure or a Christian saint. **Turn the form in from the backside of this paper** with that name into the Faith Formation Office no later than March 14, 2012.

It is up to you to decide what your Confirmation name will be. Please be respectful in choosing a name and remember that we are looking for someone who is a Christian role model for YOU!

Resources:

Websites:

<http://www.wordbytes.org/saints/index.html>
www.american catholic.org ó click on Saints
www.catholic.org/saints
<http://saints.sqpn.com/>
<http://www.catholic-forum.com.saints.patron00.htm>

Other Sources:

The Youth Ministry and Faith Formation Offices have many book resources to assist in this selection as well. If you would like to use these resources, please contact
Kathy Janku at 363-7505, ext. 204.

Remember your Confirmation Name needs to be in to the Faith Formation Office no later than
March 14, 2012.