



Confirmation Program Saint Report

Please complete the ONLINE Saint Report Form

In the book of Isaiah we read, “I have called you by name: you are mine” (Isaiah 43:1). Your name was spoken aloud on the day of your baptism and it became part of your identity as God’s child and a member of the Catholic Church. A great deal of thought went into your parents’ choice in naming you. You may be named after a relative, a special family friend or a saint your parents greatly admire. Now that you have decided to become confirmed, you have the opportunity to think in a new way about your name and how it relates to your faith journey.

As a candidate for the celebration of the sacrament of confirmation, you have two options concerning the choice of a confirmation name:

1. Use your baptismal name (your regular first name) – as long it is a saint’s name that can be chosen as a role model and researched. This shows the connection with the first and second part of your initiation into the Catholic Church – baptism and First Eucharist. To use your present baptismal name would demonstrate that you feel there has been a continual growth in your faith and you now wish to make this formal through Confirmation.
2. Choose a saint’s name that would symbolize a new beginning in your faith life and a connection with that particular saint. This would be especially true if you are not sure that you have been particularly strong in your faith and are now making a renewed commitment to the Catholic faith. This commitment would be symbolized by the new name you choose, to show that in some ways you are now a new person. This new name would be used after your present middle name and before your family name (last name).

The particular saint’s name you choose should represent the direction you feel your faith life is taking or it could represent a strength or attribute you think you need. It is important and necessary to learn something about the saint you choose **BEFORE** you decide on that name. The option of taking a new name is **NOT** to be used because you like the sound of the name, because it “fits” in with your other name, or because it is the name of a nice friend or relative!

There are many online resources available that allow you to search by name, date or the thing they are known to be patrons for. Try the sites listed below:

[Catholic Online](http://www.catholic.org/saints)
[American Catholic](http://www.americancatholic.org/features/saints/byname.aspx)
[LifeTeen Catholic](http://www.lifeteen.com/blog/biggest-best-list-confirmation-saints-guys-girls/)

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You may choose someone who has been designated as “Blessed” but not canonized as a saint. You may also choose someone who is of a different gender than you as your role model, but you can’t change the name to be masculine or feminine to match your gender.

Let us know if you have any questions by calling RE Office at (630) 922-0081.