

Choosing a Confirmation Name

Candidate Name: _____

Proposed Confirmation Name: _____

At the Church of St. Joseph we are offering Candidates for Confirmation two options concerning the choice of a Confirmation name. **Check the option you prefer:**

It is preferred that you stay with your present Baptismal name (your regular first name). This shows the sacramental connection with the first and second part of your initiation into the Catholic Church; Baptism and First Eucharist. To stay with your 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.

Why did you choose this option? _____

Is your Baptismal name also a saint's name? If so, write a bit about this saint's life. What do you know about the history of your Baptismal name? Why was this name given to you? (Use the back if you need more space.) _____

Pick a saint's name as your Confirmation name. (all names must meet the approval of the Confirmation team and Bishop). This option symbolizes a new beginning in your faith and a connection with that particular saint. This is a good option if you feel that you have not been strong in your faith and are now making a renewed commitment to your faith. Your commitment would be symbolized with the taking of a new name to show that you are in some ways now a new person. This new name would be used after your present middle name and before your last name. The saint's name you choose would represent the direction you feel your faith life is taking, or would represent a strength or attribute you feel 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, how it fits with your other names, or only because it is the name of a nice friend or relative. It is important to learn as much as you can about your patron saint. After all, you will be asking this saint to be your friend and advocate for the rest of your life!

Why did you choose this option? _____

Write a bit about this saint's life. What symbolism or meaning does this saint hold for you? (Use the back if you need more space.) _____

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