

## **Confirmation Name**

The Bishop will seal the candidate's commitment to Jesus and His Church by anointing him or her with oil and by calling him or her by name. This is a venerable tradition. The Christian name signifies a new beginning, and the desire to learn from the namesake Saint.

Candidates may retain their Baptismal name rather than choose another since this manifests the unity between Baptism and Confirmation. If they retain their Baptismal name, now is the appropriate time to rediscover their Baptismal namesake saint.

A special Christian name may be chosen for Confirmation, if desired. If the candidate chooses to take a new name, it must be a name selected from the list of saints, recognized by the Catholic Church, or a name in honor of Jesus or Mary.

The candidates should research their saints, and have a full appreciation for their lives, strengths and weaknesses. Yes, many of the saints accomplished great spiritual deeds. But they were also human, had full lives, and struggled just as we struggle now. Know your specific saint. For example, there are nine St. Odos, but there is only one St. Odo of Cluny. For more information on Roman Catholic saints see [www.catholic-forum.com/saints](http://www.catholic-forum.com/saints) or [www.catholic.org/saints](http://www.catholic.org/saints).

A student is to fill out a form indicating the name chosen for Confirmation and the reason for choosing it. Candidates are encouraged to choose a saint whose Christian virtues can be imitated, and who will serve him as a guide. The catechists will assist the students with this research. A sample form follows later in the packet.

## **Christian Service Projects**

The service deeds, which the candidate will perform, are their means of participating in the ongoing ministry of the adult community. This is a way of putting into action all that has been learned about being a true follower of Jesus.

Christian service should reach out beyond the "family circle" to the larger Christian community. Hopefully, the candidate is already contributing to the development and responsibility within the family. Parents, you can play an important supporting role by helping the candidate find opportunities for service.

Twenty (20) hours of service are required, but what is far more important than the hours is that the candidates do a variety of deeds with a loving and willing attitude.

The candidate must present a letter, from the adult involved in the service, telling what he/she did and what were his/her feelings. A sample form follows later in the packet.



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

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### **Please complete the following:**

The name I wish to be called at Confirmation is: \_\_\_\_\_

My chosen patron saint is (*be specific. For example, there are many St. John's!*):

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I admire this saint because:

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I have chosen this Confirmation name because:

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