



Confirmation Name Form

As you all have experienced, before taking an exam, especially a mid-term or a final, you are always reminded before you even read the directions for the exam to print your name at the top. Names are central to our identity and our history. We were all given a Baptismal name that among other things represents the story of the relationship God began with us on the day we were baptized. Since Confirmation seals God’s grace received in Baptism, choosing to keep your Baptismal name for Confirmation is a living sign of the unity between Baptism and Confirmation and our ever-growing commitment to Christ. If you have a desire to choose a different name for Confirmation, it must be a name selected from the list of saints (look under the Confirmation section of the parish website for list at www.stmparish.org). One of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, which you will fully receive at Confirmation, is the courage to make good choices that will help you to live an authentic Christian life. The saints are prime examples of authentic Christian living. **Authentic Christian living begins with an awareness and acknowledgement of our abilities and limitations that we all live with as a result of our humanity. Striving to live a Christian life in the way God calls us to live coupled with our acknowledgement of our humanity leads us to a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ where we trust in Him to continue to nurture our abilities and conquer our limitations. In a word, authentic Christian living is unwavering faith in God, sharing our entire lives with Him.** When we draw from the living Spirit of God within us, we are called into deeper relationship with Jesus Christ that is nurtured through an active life of prayer, worship, study and Christian action. Believe it or not, even the saints struggled in their lives the same way we all do. It was their lives of authenticity that did not allow them to give up on themselves and therefore give up on God when they struggled. If you choose to pick another name, take time to learn about the saint attached to the name you choose. Try to pick the name of a saint whose life demonstrates certain characteristics that you would like to develop in your own life.

Candidates Name _____

I wish the Bishop to use the name _____ when anointing me at Confirmation.

My chosen saint is (be specific): _____

Characteristics of this saint that I admire are: _____

I have chosen this Confirmation name because: _____

