

Name: _____

Choosing Your Patron Saint for Confirmation

Your name gives you identity – it tells others who you are. When you were baptized, your parents chose a name for you. Now that you are about to be confirmed, it is time for you to choose the name you will take as a sign of your growth in faith.

This tradition can be traced back to the Hebrew Scriptures, when Abram's name was changed to Abraham when he was called to lead his people to believe in the one God. In the Christian Testament, we also find Simon's name changed to Peter, meaning "rock," because he became the rock upon which Jesus founded his Church.

Like these Biblical figures, your Confirmation name should reflect your new role as a mature Christian. Your name could be chosen to honor a saint who is the patron of something close to you, one who has a story you relate to or admire... the only limit is that the name must be a saint's name. Of course, it's also fine to keep your baptismal name!

You won't have to change your name to your Confirmation name in real life, but the Bishop (or whoever bestows the Sacrament on you) will call you by your Saint name at the Confirmation Mass.

What name were you given in baptism (first, middle, last)?

Who did you choose as your Patron Saint?

Why did you choose this saint?

What qualities do you admire that this saint exhibit in his/her life?
