

Holy Trinity/St. Michael's OCIA Program

The Choosing of a Confirmation Saint Name

Choosing an additional saint's name at Confirmation expresses the relationship that exists between Baptism and Confirmation. You choose the name of a recognized saint in your faith life and a connection with that person or saint. This new name would be used after your present middle name and before your family name.

The name chosen would represent the direction you feel your faith life is taking, or it could represent a strength you feel you need. It is important and necessary to know something about the person or saint before you decide on that name. A saint's name is chosen so that the saint becomes a model and intercessor in the candidate's life. We seek this intercession of the saints because the Church has always believed and taught that all the redeemed are part of God's family...God's family includes the saints in heaven (the holy souls in purgatory and those of us on earth) who continue to persevere and grow in holiness, while living the Christian life with the help of God's grace. The saints, however, are with God before the throne of grace. Their prayers (intercession) are very effective.

You don't want to select a name because you like the sound of the name, how it fits with your other names or because it is the name of a nice friend or relative. Names of saints are chosen to serve as patrons and models for those being confirmed. Your saint name for Confirmation should be different from your baptismal name (different from your first and middle name).

Please choose a saint from a book of saints, religious calendar, bible or information provided during class. Find out more about your patron saint's life by doing a search on the following suggested websites:

<http://www.catholic-forum.com/saints/patron02.htm>

<http://www.catholic.org/saints/>

<http://www.ewtn.com/saintsHoly/>

Confirmation Saint Name Worksheet

Candidate's Full Baptismal Name: _____

Saint's Name: _____ Feast Day: _____

Saint Biography

Include the **saint's** place of birth, family, occupation, life of the saint, extraordinary things the saint did, date and cause of death.

Date of Birth of Saint: _____ **Place of Birth:** _____

Family of Saint: (parents, siblings, etc.) _____

Occupation: _____

Significant events in the Saint's life: _____

Extraordinary Accomplishments of the Saint: _____

Date of Death: _____ **Cause of Death:** _____

Why did you choose this saint and how is he/she a model for Christians today?

How did your parents choose your Baptismal name (your first and middle names)?

Confirmation Candidate's Full Name (Baptismal First, Middle, Confirmation, Last Name)

Candidate Signature: _____