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CONFIRMATION NAME INFORMATION

CHOSEN CONFIRMATION (Saint Name) NAME ONLY: _____

(Do not include first, middle, or last name)

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Guidelines from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee

Each year, as we prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation, we receive general questions regarding the name used by the candidate. Even though Confirmations have already been celebrated in some parishes, we thought these guidelines could help in preparation of your candidates.

- Candidates may use their baptismal name or another Christian name when receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- A Christian name would be the name of a saint or blessed.
- Derivatives of names (Kelly for Catherine; Jenna for Genevieve) or Old Testament names are also appropriate.
- Candidates may use their first or second names if they are Christian names, or they may select a new Christian name.
- The candidate should know the relationship of the name to the religious Christian tradition.
- Exceptions can be made if a particular non-Christian or family name has significant meaning for the candidate that can be articulated to the bishop.
- Most importantly, candidates should be encouraged to learn about their patron as part of their preparation for the sacrament and should particularly focus on the virtues of their patron they wish to emulate.

We hope this is helpful to you.

For future reference the above information may be found online at www.archmil.org by entering *Confirmation Names* in the Search box.