



HOLY FAMILY
PARISH

About your Confirmation Name



As a candidate for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation, you have two options concerning the choice of a Confirmation Name:

- 1) You may choose your present Baptismal name (your regular first name). This shows the Sacramental connection with the first and second part of your initiation into the Catholic Church – Baptism and First Eucharist. To choose your Baptismal name for Confirmation would demonstrate the growth in your faith from Baptism and you now wish to make this formal through the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- 2) You may also choose the name of a person who inspires you or a saint's name. This would symbolize a new beginning in your faith life and a connection with that person or saint. This would be especially appropriate if you are now making a renewed commitment to your faith through the Sacrament of Confirmation. Your commitment would be symbolized with the taking of a new name to show that you are in some ways a new person. 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 would represent a strength or attribute you feel you need. It is important and necessary to know something about the person or saint before you decide on that name. The option of taking a new name is not to be used 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. The name you choose should have meaning for you, it should represent someone who inspires you to be more like Christ in living out your faith. You should spend some time praying about your choice of a Confirmation name, talking to someone (your parents or your Sponsor) about your choice, and, in the case of a saint, researching that person's life.

<http://www.americancatholic.org>, click on Saints, has some good information on saints.

Any questions about your choice of a Confirmation name should be directed to Barbie Byrne at 330.688.6412, ext. 271 or byrne@holyfamilystow.org.

Complete the Confirmation Name Form and bring it to your entrance interview **in August 2013**.

*By now, thus says the Lord who created you...and formed you...
"Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name
and you are mine."*

Isaiah 43:1

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