

# **CONFIRMATION SAINT NAME/ESSAY**

Choosing a new name for Confirmation is an ancient and honorable tradition. Taking a new name can be symbolic of a new stage in life. Many of your parents probably participated in this tradition when they were confirmed. It follows in the scriptural tradition of the famous phrase, "I have called you by name (Isaiah 45:3-4)" In the Hebrew Scriptures, Abram became Abraham, and Jacob became Israel. In the New Testament the tradition continued when Simon was renamed Peter by Jesus (Matthew 16:17), and Saul was called Paul (Acts 13:9) by the early Christian community.

The Church allows you to take a Saint Name or the Candidates can reclaim the name they received at Baptism. The Confirmation Name is the name the Archbishop uses when he confirms you. A record of this name is kept in the Church data system.

## **Consider using these guidelines when choosing your name and writing your essay.**

1. Research the history of your BAPTISMAL name and any other names you might be considering. Is there someone you were named after? Is there a family history to your name? Are you named after a saint? Pray and let the Holy Spirit guide your research.
2. Look up the patron saint whose feast day, falls on your birth date.
3. Pick a Saint that reflects a virtue or value you wish to aspire to. This may be reflected in the person who has that name.
4. Research your Saint's Life. Use books and online resources. Come to know that saint as if he/she were a good friend.
5. Once you have made a choice, write a 3 paragraph paper on why you selected the name.

## **CONFIRMATION NAME DUE ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2017**

## **CONFIRMATION NAME ESSAY DUE ON OCTOBER 1, 2017 FOR PREP STUDENTS**

## **CONFIRMATION SAINT PROJECT FOR ST. PATRICK SCHOOL STUDENTS— PLEASE SEE SR. DORIS FOR DUE DATE**

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