

Confirmation Name Selection Form

Please complete and return by October 30th, 2020

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Candidate's First and Last Name: _____

Candidate's Chosen Confirmation Name: _____

(This is the name of the saint you researched)

**All Confirmation Name Selections are subject to the approval of the Family Formation Team.*

Which saint have you chosen to be your patron? _____

When is this saint's feast day? _____

Where is the saint from? _____

How old was the saint when he/she died? _____

What is this saint known for? _____

Name two ways that the saint was a disciple and witness of Jesus Christ? _____

Why did you choose this saint to be your patron? _____

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Choosing a Confirmation Name/ Info Sheet

There is an intrinsic relationship between the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. If the Candidate's Baptismal name is a saint's name, the Candidate should become familiar with the life and witness of this saint. If not, the Candidate should choose a saint's name and also become familiar with the life and witness of this saint.

How do I go about choosing a name?

You are not arbitrarily choosing a name, or selecting one because you like the way it sounds, but you are essentially asking that saint to be a lifetime friend, or "patron." Patrons help us live as Christians both through their prayers for us (intercession) and their good example (witness). (cf. CCC 2156, 956) The steps below will guide you through this process.

I. Learn about the saints.

You may not know about too many saints, but that's okay - take this time to learn about them! You might start your reading with a saint that has similar interests. Sometimes, patrons are chosen because of the day on which their feast falls. For example, if your birthday is on September 4th, you might choose St. Rose of Viterbo. Sometimes, patrons might be chosen because of family ties, e.g. you have a close relationship with your grandfather, whose name is "Mark," so you choose St. Mark. If your baptismal name is a saint's name, then start there. You may also want to take our parish patron's name, Francis. There are many different places to begin your research, but your patron should be someone you want to imitate in their love for Christ and others.

There are many online resources that can help:

Alphabetical listing of Saints:

<http://www.americancatholic.org/Features/Saints/byname.aspx>

Saints listed by their cause (what they are patrons of):

<http://www.americancatholic.org/Features/Saints/patrons.aspx>

Saints listed by their feast day:

<http://www.americancatholic.org/Features/Saints/bydate.aspx>

2. Choose your patron saint and Confirmation name.

After researching, pray about your decision and then choose your patron saint.

3. Complete the "Confirmation Name Selection Form."

This form is on the opposite side of this sheet. Return it to the Formation Office (details and due date on reverse.)

4. Begin your lifelong relationship with your patron.

Print out a picture of or story about your saint. Tell your family and sponsor about your patron. Ask your saint to pray for you and help you on your Confirmation journey.