

CHOOSING YOUR CONFIRMATION NAME

Your name gives you an identity. It tells others who you are. When you were baptized, your parents choose your name. Now that you will be sealed and strengthened at the Sacrament of Confirmation, it is time to choose the name you will take as a sign of your continuing growth in faith.

The tradition of taking on a “new” name can be traced back to the Old Testament. When Abram was called to lead his people to believe in the one God, his name was changed from Abram, meaning “father of many” to Abraham, meaning “father of many nations”. Again in the New Testament, we find Simon’s name changed to Peter, meaning: “rock”, because he was to become the rock upon which Jesus founded His Church.

After you decide on a name, prepare a report on that saint’s name you have chosen. This will be your Confirmation name.

Your confirmation name should reflect your new role as a mature Christian. Perhaps you would like to take the name of a person whom you admire. The only limit that is place on your choice is that it must be the name of a recognized saint, and it does not have to be gender specific.

Use the outline to help you write your report.

This report must be done and attached to your enrollment paperwork before you can be enrolled in the 9th grade Confirmation Class.