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## **My Confirmation Name - Sharing the Story of Your Saint**

Your name gives you an identity; it tells others who you are. When you were born, your parents chose your name. At your Baptism you were called by name, christened to become a child of God. Now that you are about to be confirmed, it is time to choose the name you will take as a sign of your growth in Christ in your Catholic Faith.

The tradition of taking on a new name to show a new role can be traced back to the Old Testament. When Abram was called to lead his people to believe in the one true God, his name was changed from Abram to Abraham meaning “the father of many nations.” Again in the New Testament we find Simon’s name changed from Simon to Peter, meaning “Rock” because he was to become the rock upon which Jesus founded His Church. Saul from Tarsus, upon hearing and seeing God in a ‘flash of light’ changed his name to Paul and as you know was extremely important in building our Church!

Your Confirmation Name should reflect the role, the NEW role you will undertake as a more mature Catholic. Perhaps you would like to take the name of a person whom you admire. Many of the Confirmation Candidates recognizing the growing bond of love with their parents take a parent’s name or a close personal friend. The only limit that is placed on your choice is that it must be a **Saint’s name**, a variation of that name or a name from the Bible. You may also choose your Baptismal name since Confirmation is the completion of the Baptism experience.

*Sincerely yours in Christ,*

*Deacon Vincent Rinaldi*  
**Coordinator- Grade 7 & 8**



Candidate's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Facilitator: \_\_\_\_\_ Circle Group: A or B

## CONFIRMATION NAME

To learn more about the saints of the Catholic Church, you can use any of the resources we have at the parish or go online to [www.catholic.org](http://www.catholic.org) and look through the extensive online library of Saints they have to offer!

*Note: You can choose a male or female saint, there are no restrictions other than it must be a saint and cannot be 'foreign to a Christian mentality'!*

After you decide on a name, complete the following. You may use additional paper if necessary.

1. The saint I chose to pray and imitate in my preparation for Confirmation is:

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2. I chose this Confirmation Name because: \_\_\_\_\_

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4. What event in the life of this saint most impressed you? Why?

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**4: Pretend you are the saint's biographer. On the lines below, write a summary of your saint's life story.**

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**5. Every Saint is known for a particular quality or virtue. What special quality or virtue did this saint have?**

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**6. How could you imitate this saint today? Be specific!**

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**7. Explain why your Confirmation name is meaningful to you.**

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Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_