

Confirmation Name Form - Due _____

Parents/Guardians - you are encouraged to discuss the choice of name with the candidate and to support them in making a positive choice of name but not choose it for them.

Candidates, when people hear your name, they think of you. We respond to our name throughout our lives. People associate us with our name; it forms part of our identity. Names help to distinguish us from one to another. Other people gain immediate and sometimes totally subconscious views of people, just from hearing a name they can therefore give us a distinct advantage in life, or conversely, a disadvantage! The choice of a name is, therefore, an incredibly important and very responsible task! In choosing a confirmation name you will choose a name that represents who you are, who you are becoming, and how you would like to imitate the Spirit of God. You may choose your baptismal name again, representing your continued response to God who calls you by name, or you may choose a new name that expresses your growth in living in the Holy Spirit.

Whether you use your baptismal name or a new name, the name chosen must:

- Be the name of a saint
- Or a derivative of a saint's name (e.g. Nancy is derived from Ann)
- Or a biblical name such as Joshua or Deborah, but a **heroic/positive** person of the bible - not Judas, Herod, or Jezebel.

If your baptismal name does not meet at least one of the three criteria mentioned above (e.g. Chastity, Brandy, etc.) you are going to need to choose a new confirmation name that meets the criteria. .

Candidates, you must research the name/names of interest and complete the form called "Choosing a Confirmation Name". **DO NOT RESEARCH THE SECULAR OR WORDLY MEANING OF A NAME and STATE THAT MEANING AS THE REASON FOR YOUR CHOICE**, e.g. Cameron means "crooked nose" and I have a crooked nose so I want that name. WHEN in FACT - The Saint's actual name was Camerinus, a martyr who was put to the sword in the persecution of Diocletian.

To get you started, possible research web sites are:

<http://www.catholic.org/saints/>

<http://www.catholic.org/saints/stindex.php>

<http://www.catholic-forum.com/saints/patron02.htm>

<http://www.wjpbr.com/saintalp.html>

http://www.fatheralexander.org/booklets/english/saints/list_saints.htm

<http://www.roman-catholic-catechism.com/roman-catholic-saints-2.html>

<http://www.magnificat.ca/cal/engl/liste-sts.htm>

<http://www.catholic-saints.info/>

Remember - search through reliable CATHOLIC sources only. Names will be reviewed and will not be permitted if they do not meet the given criteria.