

Religious Education Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

Confirmation Saint Report

Your name gives you an identity: It tells others who you are. When you were baptized, your parents chose your name. If you do not know your parents' reasons for choosing your name, ask them about it. 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 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 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.

Your Confirmation name is a reflection of your new role as a mature Christian. Perhaps you would like to take the name of a person whom you admire. Please remember your choice must be a saint's name or a variation of the saint's name.

After you decide on a name, please follow the outline below:

1. What does the word SAINT mean?
2. History of the saint you have chosen:
 - a. When and where was he/she born?
 - b. What kind of life did he/she lead?
 - c. How and why did this person become a saint?
 - d. When and where did he/she die?
 - e. When do we celebrate your saint's Feast Day?
3. State a few reasons as to why you chose this name.
4. State a few reasons as to how you can be more like the saint you chose.

Minimum: One page, typed.

You can get information on saints in any library and also on the Internet.

You are welcome to try these sites: www.catholic.or/saints/,
www.cin.org/saints.html; www.catholic-pages.com/dir/saints.asp