

CHOOSING A CONFIRMATION NAME

In both the old & new testament, when God had a new mission for someone He often gave them a new name. Even without a new name, your name has always told others who you are.

God calls on each of us to fulfill a special mission. It may be converting non-believers, helping the poor, being a peace maker or one of many callings. Confirmation may be a continuation of a mission you began at Baptism or just the beginning of a new mission.

Therefore there are two options when deciding on a Confirmation name:

1. Because Confirmation is the strengthening of the work that God began in your life at your Baptism, you may give first preference to using your baptismal name for Confirmation. (This applies only if your Baptismal name is a Saints name).
2. Perhaps you see Confirmation as the beginning of a new mission for you and a fresh beginning in your faith journey. Then you may choose a new name for Confirmation. Your confirmation name should be that of a saint you admire or the saint name of someone you know and look up to as a Christian role-model.

There are many helpful websites:

www.catholicforum.com/saints

www.catholic.org/saints

www.catholicpages.com/dir/saints.asp

www.theworkofgod.org/saints