

## Choosing a Confirmation Patron Saint

### Confirmation Saint Name

As we go through our Sacramental preparation for Confirmation, Saints are chosen to be a person we want to be like as well as someone that we can ask to intercede (pray for us) from Heaven.

Candidates who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation have two options concerning the choice of Confirmation name:

**Option 1:** Choose your present, baptismal name (your first name or middle name only if it is a Saint name). This shows the sacrament's connection with the other sacraments of initiation into the Catholic Church: Baptism and First Eucharist. Choosing your Baptismal name demonstrates that you feel there has been a continual growth in your faith and that you now wish to make this formal through Confirmation.

**Option 2:** Choose a saint's name that symbolizes a new beginning in your faith life and a connection to that particular saint. If you feel that you have not been particularly strong in your faith and are now making a renewed commitment to your faith, the taking of a new name symbolizes this commitment. This new name would be used after your present middle name and before your family name.

Scripture tells us about saints in Hebrews 12:1

"We are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses."

These witnesses are the saints who continually intercede for us (CCC 956). In choosing a Confirmation Saint, we are choosing a holy friend to intercede for us in heaven and after whom we can model our lives while here on Earth.

Resources for Saint Names

[www.catholic.org](http://www.catholic.org)

Complete your Saint Form by December 12, 2018 (online)