

Confirmation Name

A name identifies you in a unique way, not just your physical self, but who you are as person. One of the traditional practices in the Church at the time of Confirmation is choosing a name that will remind you of this sacrament. Your prayerful reflection will help you determine that name. You might want to recommit yourself to your Baptismal name since it expresses the relationship that exists between these two sacraments, especially after you reflect on its meaning and discover some of the people who shared your name in Christian history. If you do want to take a new name, you need to choose the name of a saint who represents the type of Christian you wish to be. It is important to learn as much as you can about your patron saint. After all, you are asking this saint to be your friend and advocate for the rest of your life. Whether you decide to stay with your Baptismal name or pick a new name, take the time to research and explore the root meaning of the name, for as Scripture says "Yahweh calls each of us by name." Here are some websites you can go to in order to learn more about the saints:

- Catholic Online-Saints <http://www.catholic.org/saints/>
- Patron Saints Index <http://www.catholic-forum.com/saints/indexsnt.htm>
- Catholic Information Network - Catholic Saint Links <http://www.cin.org/saintlink.html>

If you decide to take a saint's name for Confirmation, you will need to inform me of this choice by April 1.

Please fill out this form carefully and turn it in by April 13 if you would like to take a Confirmation Name. Please be aware that the name you choose MUST be a Saint's Name.

YOUR Name: _____
(given name)

Confirmation Name: _____
(as you would like it to appear on your certificate)

Name on Certificate: _____
(names put together)

Example of Form:

If I took Elizabeth as my confirmation name, this is how I would fill this form out and how it would appear on my certificate:

YOUR Name: Kara O'Malley
(as you would like it to appear on your certificate)

Confirmation Name: Elizabeth
(as you would like it to appear on your certificate)

Name on Certificate: Kara Elizabeth O'Malley