

Who are You?

Step one in selecting a name for Confirmation is looking at the name you were given at Baptism. What is in name? In Biblical times, a name was much more than a way to call a person. A name was given for the meaning it had. Jesus was given the name meaning "Yahweh saves." After the time of Jesus' death and resurrection, people who wanted to become members of the Church, took on a new name, as a sign that they were leaving their old life behind. They chose a name of a member of the Church whose example they admired. As time went on, the tradition became one of choosing the name of a saint or hero of the Church. This is your time to choose a new name, to show your new relationship with God. This is a serious change. It is not the time to pick a name that sounds good, or is popular. People's names are changed to reflect a growth in their faith. Paul became Saul, and Peter became Simon because of their faith. This is the same reason the Pope selects a new name upon his election. This is your time to choose a new name, to show your new relationship with God. Step one in choosing a Confirmation name is thinking about the name you have now. Your name selection is due by Sunday, January 25, 2009.

What is your full name, given at your birth? What does your name mean?

Do you feel your name's meaning reflects who you are? Have you lived up to your name?

Why was this name chosen for you? (You may have to ask someone!)

What sort of qualities and meanings do you want in a name that you choose?

Some good websites for saints and name ideas...

1. <http://www.catholic-forum.com/saints/patron02.htm>
2. <http://www.catholic.org/saints/patron.php>
3. <http://www.scborromeo.org/patron.htm>
4. <http://www.americancatholic.org/Features/Saints/patrons.asp>

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Isaiah 43:1***

Step two in selecting a Confirmation name is to decide on a name and research a Saint's life that shares that name. You may choose to keep and renew either your first or middle name if it is already a saint's name.

The Confirmation name I have chosen is.....

My chosen name means and comes from Saint.....

The reason I selected this name was because.....

I will try to live up to my chosen name by.....

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