

The Choosing of a Christian Name

Many people choose a name at Confirmation. The preferred name, however, is the baptismal name because it expresses the relationship that exists between Baptism and Confirmation.

If a new name is taken, however, it should be the name of a recognized saint of the Catholic Church. If the baptismal name is not that of a recognized saint, a new name should be chosen for Confirmation.

Names of saints are chosen to serve as patrons and models for those being confirmed. Candidates should choose a patron saint's name, not because of the attractiveness of the name, but because of the attractiveness of the Christian life that that person led.

To find out more about a patron saint's life and to help you make a decision on a name, visit one of the following web sites:

www.americancatholic.org

www.catholic-forum.com/saints/indexsnt.htm

www.catholic.org

Once you have chosen your Confirmation name and sponsor, be sure to fill out your Information Sheet and turn it in at our January 9th session or at the Parish Office.

Informational Web Sites

There are many excellent websites that offer a wealth of information about our faith. Listed below are a few to try:

www.newadvent.org

www.catholicexchange.com

www.catholiconline.com

You can also subscribe to the Home Faith newsletter. This short newsletter has timely and good articles pertaining to Catholic family life: www.homefaith.com. St. Anthony's Messenger, www.americancatholic.org/Messenger, is also a comprehensive website.

