

## Name Used At the Sacrament of Confirmation

Candidate's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmation is a reaffirmation of your Baptism - it is appropriate to keep your Baptismal name. If you choose a name other than your Baptismal name for Confirmation, please give a brief statement as to why you chose that name, what significance it holds for you, and any information about that saint whose name it is.

N.B. It must be a saint's name, i.e. Christian name.

I am choosing to keep my Baptismal name: \_\_\_\_\_

I am choosing \_\_\_\_\_ as my Confirmation name because:

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### **GUIDELINES FOR PICKING A CONFIRMATION NAME**

Below, are the guidelines set by the Archdiocese Please note that in many cases certain practices are highly recommended, but the candidate may decide not to follow these recommendations. This is perfectly acceptable as long as the alternative guidelines are followed.

#### **THE CONFIRMATION NAME**

The Church is basically silent on the issue of name choice at this time. Either a Special Confirmation name or the use of one's baptismal name is appropriate.

However, the Church does ***highly recommend that the baptismal name be taken,*** showing the unity between Baptism and Confirmation. In the case of a confirmation name, a Christian name is to be selected. This means the name of a Saint or the name of someone the candidate holds in high esteem due to their faith. This person should be of great importance and example to the candidate (in other words - a "living Saint" in the eyes of the candidate).

Names of celebrities or choosing a name simply because one likes it, **will NOT be permitted.** When choosing a name, only one name is to be chosen. Example: Choosing "Mary" is appropriate, choosing "Mary Elizabeth" is not.