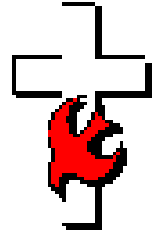


Confirmation Name



Candidate First Name (as on your Birth Certificate): _____

Candidate Middle Name: _____

Candidate Last Name: _____

Confirmation Name: _____

(Your first name **or** your middle name, **or** a saint's name depending on which option you choose below.)

At St. Charles we have traditionally offered Candidates for Confirmation two options concerning the choice of a Confirmation name. Check the option you prefer and follow the instructions:

Stay with your present Baptismal name (your regular first name or maybe your middle name). To stay with your Baptismal name would demonstrate that you feel there has been a continual growth in your faith and you now wish to make this formal through Confirmation.

How did your Sponsor work with you to choose this option and to research the saints?

Write about the following on the back of this form or attach a separate sheet of paper:

- 1) What you know about the history your baptismal name. (Why it was given to you? What is the story behind your name?)
- 2) If your baptismal name is also a saint's name, write about that saint (on the back of this form or a separate sheet of paper). If your baptismal name is not also a saint's name, write about a saint that has a special importance to you and say why you chose that saint. (Include the saint's name, dates that the saint lived, the saint's feast day, and at least three paragraphs about the saint's life.)

Pick a saint's name as your Confirmation name. This option symbolizes a new beginning or renewed commitment in your faith and a connection with a particular saint. Your commitment would be symbolized with the taking of a new name to show that you are in some ways now a new person. This new name would be used after your present middle name and before your last name. The saint's name you choose would represent the direction you feel your faith life is taking, or would represent a strength or attribute you feel you need. It is important and necessary to learn something about the saint you choose before you decide on that name. (The option of taking a new name is not to be used because you like the sound of the name, how it fits with your other names, or only because it is the name of a nice friend or relative.)

How did your Sponsor work with you to choose this option and to research the saints?

On the back of this form or on an attached separate sheet of paper **write about the saint** whose name you have chosen and why you chose that saint. (Include the saint's name, dates that the saint lived, the saint's feast day, and at least three paragraphs about the saint's life.)