

Candidate's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's name \_\_\_\_\_

### **CHOOSING YOUR CONFIRMATION NAME**

Your name gives you an identity; it tells others who you are. When you were baptized, your parents chose your name. If you do not know your parents' reasons for choosing your name, ask them about it. Now that you are to be confirmed, it is time to choose the name that you will take as a sign of your growth in faith. You may use your Baptismal name or you may choose another Christian name.

The tradition of taking your Baptismal name or a new name to show a new role can be traced back to the Old Testament. When Abram was called to lead his people to believe in one God, his name was changed from Abram, meaning "Father of many", to Abraham, meaning "Father of many nations". Again in the New Testament we find Simon's name changed to Peter, meaning rock, because he was to become the rock upon which Jesus founded His church.

Your Confirmation name should reflect your new role as a more mature Christian. Perhaps you would like to take the name of a person who you admire. The only limit that is placed on your choice is that it must be a saint's name.

After you decide on a name, use the space below to explain your choice. Then look up some information on the saint whose name you chose. Answer each of the following questions below after you have thought about them.

MY CONFIRMATION NAME IS TO BE \_\_\_\_\_

I have taken this name from the following Saint \_\_\_\_\_

I have chosen this name \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_

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One way in which I would like to become like the saint chosen is \_\_\_\_\_

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This is a prayer I have made MYSELF to say to the saint whose name I have chosen. \_\_\_\_\_

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**CONFIRMATION NAME PROJECT**

Below you are to write a short summary on the life of the saint whose name you have selected. The summary is NOT to be copied word for word from a book. The summary of the saint's life is to be done by you, after you have discussed the saint's life with your parents. (St. Charles School library and the Religious Education Office have a resource of saints' books for your use.)

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In the space below design and color your Confirmation name.