

St. Charles Borromeo 8th Grade Confirmation

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 choose 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. Please print your answers.

1. MY CONFIRMATION NAME IS TO BE _____
2. This name is derived from Saint _____ whom I chose to pray to and imitate in my preparation for Confirmation.
3. I have chosen this name because _____

4. Their Feast Day is: _____ Lived (years and country) _____
5. Highlights of this Saint's life were:
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____
 - e. _____

(over)

6. What impressed you most about the saint's life? _____

7. The qualities of this Saint I want to reflect in my life are:

