

Confirmation Name Paper

The Rite of Confirmation includes a naming ritual. The candidate is allowed to keep their Baptismal name. *Doing so, symbolizes the connection between the two sacraments of initiation.*

The other option a candidate has is to take a new name. This symbolizes the new commitment they are making. *It speaks to the fact that they have, through the preparation process, come to see themselves in a "new way."*

It has always been the tradition that a saint's name, or derivative thereof is chosen to make the connection with the powerful witness the Communion of Saints can be in our lives. Since the communion of saints includes all the members of the Christian community, both living and dead, it is hard to find a name that is not a saint's name. *Therefore, the Church now asks that the name a candidate chooses be reflective of our Christian values.* Choosing popular names from fiction or media sources that represent the opposite of Christian values in the culture is prohibited.

Each candidate is asked to choose a name and to write a typed paper, minimum 2 pages that is double spaced, and in Times New Roman font (remember a paragraph contains a minimum of four complete sentences) which completes the following criterion:

1. The meaning of your Baptismal name
2. Why that particular name was chosen for you?
3. The meaning of your Confirmation name.
4. Why you chose that name.
5. A biographical description of the person who has this name from the communion of saints whose life has been an example of Christian living to you.
6. Spelling and grammar must be correct.
7. Minimum of 2 sources required and written in proper bibliography form.

Students who choose to keep their baptismal name still need to do this assignment.

A rubric may be found on the next page to assist you with this project

Date Due: Wednesday December 1, 2010

I have called you by name, and you are mine.