

## CHOOSING A CONFIRMATION NAME.



A name identifies you in a unique way, not just your physical self, but who you are as person. One of the traditional practices in the Church at the time of Confirmation is choosing a name that will remind you of this sacrament.

Your prayerful reflection will help you determine that name. You might want to recommit yourself to your baptismal name since it expresses the relationship that exist between these two sacraments, especially after you reflect on its meaning and discover some of the people who shared your name in Christian history. You might want to choose the name of a saint who represents the type of Cristian you wish to be.

It is important to learn as much as you can about your patron saint. After all, you are asking this saint to be your friend and advocate for the rest of your life. Whether you decide to stay with your baptismal name or pick a new name, take the time to research and explore the root meaning of the name, for as Scripture says: “Yahweh calls each of us by name”.

One of the most beautiful parts of your journey towards confirmation is choosing a patron saint, one of the great saints of our Church whose life in Christ is one that inspires you and calls you to be an ardent and radiant catholic. The saint are not just people who lived long ago! Moreover, they are alive in heaven now, totally present in our lives through God’s grace and their prayers. This is why choosing your saint for Confirmation is so important –because on doping so, you are asking this saint to be with you for the rest of your life, as your special friend and intercessor. This also means that you will have a special relationship with this saint- not only after your Confirmation day, but beginning with your time of preparation beforehand.

As you begin reading about the lives of the saints in order to choose yours, the following questions might be helpful to ask yourself:

- **What are the greatest virtues and qualities of this saint’s life?**
- **Does anything from this saint’s life touch my heart?**
- **Does his/her personality, childhood, conversion story, relationship with God, mission or spirituality inspire me, relate to me, or find an echo in the desires of my heart?**

Listed in the other page are some saints and blessed to help you in your search. Read and learn about many of them! Then, after a prayer and careful thought, choose the one (boys choose a man and girls choose a woman) that fill will be the best guide and example for your life as a confirmed catholic.

Prepare a report with a brief biography and responding to the questions above of the saint you have chosen. The report has to be **750 words**. Due date for giving to your catechist this homework is October 29 or 30 (for the classes on Tuesday or Wednesday) and October 27 (for the classes on Sunday)

<b>Saint for Boys</b>	<b>Saints for women</b>
St. Joseph (San José)	St. Elizabeth (Santa Isabel)
St. Peter (San Pedro)	St. Mary Magdalene (Santa María Magdalena)
St. Paul (San Pablo)	St. Marta (Santa Martha)
St. John the Baptist (San Juan Bautista)	St. Cecilia (Santa Cecilia)
St. John the Evangelist (San Juan Evangelista)	St. Agnes (Santa Ines)
St. James the Apostle (Santiago Apóstol)	St. Agatha (Santa Agueda)
St. Thomas (Santo Tomás)	St. Lucía (Santa Lucía)
St. Andrew (San Andrés)	St. Helen (Santa Elena)
St. Augustine (San Agustín)	St. Bárbara (Santa Bárbara)
St. Benedict (San Benito)	St. Monica (Santa Mónica)
St. Anthony (San Antonio)	St. Scholastica (Santa Escolástica)
St. Valentin (San Valentin)	St. Catherine of Siena (Santa Catalina de Siena)
St. Patrick (San Patricio)	St. Joan of Arc (Santa Juana de Arco)
St. Nicholas (San Nicolás)	St. Bridget of Sweden (Santa Brígida de Suecia)
St. Henry (San Enrique)	St. Bernadette (Santa Bernardita)
St. Francis of Assisi (San Francisco de Asís)	St. Philomena (Santa Filomena)
St. Dominic (Santo Domingo)	St. Hildegard (Santa Hidelgarda)
St. Ignatius (San Ignacio)	St. Clare of Assisi (Santa Clara de Asís)
St. Francis Xavier (San Francisco Javier)	St. Teresa of Avila (Santa Teresa de Avila)
St. Philip Nery (San Felipe Nery)	St. Therese of Lisieux. (S. Teresita de Lisieux)
St. Bernard of Claravox (San Bernardo de Claraval)	St. Margaret Mary (Santa Margarita María)
St. John of the Cross (San Juan de la Cruz)	St. Gemma Galgani (Santa Gema Galgani)
St. Francis de Sales (San Francisco de Sales)	St. Rita de Cascia (Santa Rita)
St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother (Gabriel de la Dolorosa)	St. Rose of Lima (Santa Rosa de Lima)
St. Martin de Porres	St. Verónica Giuliani (Santa Verónica Giuliani)
St. Claude de la Colombiere	St. Gemma Galganni (Santa Gema)
St. Maximilan Kolbe (San Maximiliano Kolbe)	St. Juana de Chantal
St. Vicent de Paul (San Vicente de Paul)	St. María Goretti
St. Anthony Mary Claret (San Antonio Ma. Claret)	St. Bernadette (Santa Bernardita)
St. Damien of Molokai (San Damian de Molokai)	St. Catalina Laboure (Santa Catalina Laboure)
St. Domingo Savio	St. Edith Stein (Santa Edith Stein)
St. Philip Neri (San Felipe Neri)	St. Teresa de los Andes
St. John Bosco (Don Bosco)	St. Faustina Kowalska (Santa Faustina Kowalska)
St. Alberto Hurtado	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (Santa Elizabeth Seton)
St. Joseph Moscatti (San José Moscatti)	St. Santa Katherine Drexel (Santa Catalina Drexel)
St. San Ezequiel Moreno	St. Josefina Bakhita
St. John Meumann (San Juan Neumann)	St. Gianna Molla (Santa Gianna Molla)
St. Juan Diego (San Juan Diego)	Blessed Alexandrina de Acosta
St. John XXIII	Blessed Zelig Martin (St. Therese's mother)
St. John Paul II (Juan Pablo II)	Blessed Jacinta of Fatima (Beata Jacinta de Fátima)
St. Oscar Romero (San Oscar Romero)	Blessed Laura Vicuña (Santa Laura Vicuña)
Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati (Beato Pier Giorgio)	Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcuta (B. M. Teresa)
Blessed Bartolo Longo (Beato Bartolo Longo)	Blessed Chara Luce Badano