

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **CHOOSING YOUR CONFIRMATION NAME AND PATRON SAINT**

Your name gives you are 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 about to be confirmed, it is time to choose the name you will take as a sign of your growth in faith.

The tradition of taking on 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 the one God, his name was changed from Abram, meaning "father of many" to Abraham, meaning "father of many nation." 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 roles as a mature Christian. Perhaps you would like to take the name of a person whom you admire. (Many Confirmation candidates recognizing the growing bond of love with their parents, take a parent's name.) The only limit that is placed on your choice is that it must be a saint's name (or a variation of that name).

Actually it is recommended that your keep your own Baptismal name. It should not so much be a matter of choosing a nice sounding name as the meaning behind the name or the person the name refers to.

After you decide on a name, use the space below to explain your choice. Then look up some information on the saint you chose as a patron. Every saint is know for some particular qualities or virtues. Be imitating the qualities of this saint, how can you become a better Christian?

**WHAT NAME WERE YOU GIVEN IN BAPTISM?** \_\_\_\_\_

**REASON:** \_\_\_\_\_

**WHOM DID YOU CHOOSE AS YOUR PATRON SAINT?** \_\_\_\_\_

**WHAT QUALITIES DID THAT SAINT EXHIBIT? WHAT IS IT THAT YOU ADMIRE IN YOUR PATRON SAINT?**

**BY WHAT NAME DO YOU WANT THE BISHOP TO CALL YOU?  
(YOUR BAPTISMAL NAME OR THE NAME OF YOUR PATRON SAINT ?)**

**REASON:** \_\_\_\_\_