

# Confirmation Name Form

## **Why do we choose a “Confirmation Name”?**

Within the Christian tradition, names hold great meaning. For example, Jesus gave his disciple Simon the name “Peter”, which literally meant “rock”, as a foreshadowing of Simon becoming the foundation, or rock, of the Church. Historically, people preparing for Confirmation chose a new name to symbolize this new chapter of their life in Christ. Choosing a Confirmation name is a great honor and allows you to choose a name that means something to you as you are now.

## **What kind of name should I choose?**

Archbishop ListECKi, who will be confirming you, asks that it be the name of a Saint. These are all different kinds of people who lived exceptional lives. They each boldly witnessed God’s love for the world in a unique way – so look for someone you relate to and/or are inspired by. You may wish to choose the patron saint of a particular area of interest. Patron saints are chosen as special protectors or guardians over areas of life – occupations, illnesses, causes – anything that is important to us. For example, Francis of Assisi loved nature and so he is patron of ecologists. Francis de Sales was a writer so he is patron of journalists and writers. There are patrons for pretty much everything, so I’m confident you’ll find someone that connects with your life.

**Archbishop ListECKi will ask you multiple questions about your chosen name during the Confirmation ceremony.** I’ve heard he doesn’t let you off the hook easily. ☺ To help you prepare, I’ve included things he will likely ask about on the following page. Please write responses to these questions on a separate sheet of paper and return it with this form to Jackie Lesperance at 5681 N Santa Monica Blvd, Whitefish Bay, WI 53217 by **APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2012**. You may also turn them in to your small group leader.

A searchable list of Saints is available at <http://www.catholic.org/saints/>  
And <http://www.catholic-forum.com/saints/>

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Your First Name

Your Middle Name

Your Last Name

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Chosen Confirmation Name

Saint Named After

For Example:

Jacqueline Sue Lesperance

Maria St. Maria Goretti

## **Response Questions**

## **Confirmation Name**

Don't think of this as an essay or paper for school; rather, view it as more of a journal entry. Please type. No need to write more than a page.

Note: you may need to do some research in addition to the websites listed in order to find all of the information you need.

**1. What name did you choose?**

**2. What's the origin of this name?**

Which Saint did you choose? Where was s/he from? What time period? If there are multiple saints by that name, make it clear which one you mean. If the Saint has a subtitle (such as "Saint George of Antioch"), include it because that will help clarify who you are talking about.

**3. Why did you choose it?**

Because they were the patron saint of something personally relevant to you? Because of the way s/he lived? Because it's a family name?

**4. What do you admire about this Saint?**

Name a few positive characteristics (virtues) that s/he exemplified. (i.e. courage, compassion, perseverance, etc.)

**5. Why do you need those same virtues today?**

Please return your responses and your Confirmation Name Form to Jackie  
or your small group leader by April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012

**Thank you!**