

## CHOOSING YOUR CONFIRMATION NAME

Your name gives you an 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.

Your Confirmation name should reflect your new role as a mature Christian.

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 nations." Again in the New Testament we find Simon's name changed to Peter, meaning "rock," because he was to become the foundation upon which Jesus founded His Church.

Every saint is known for particular qualities or virtues. What do you admire about the saint? How can you imitate this saint and become a better Christian by doing so?

**Write a meaningful essay why you admire this saint, how does he/she inspire you and the ways you intent to imitate him/her.** When is your saint's feast day? How can you grow closer to God by following the example of this saint?

**Note:** Information on saints can be looked up on the Internet at [www.catholic.org/saints](http://www.catholic.org/saints) or by using Google: type in "catholic saints" and click on "Patron Saints Index: Alphabetical List." Books on saints are also available at the CCD Office.