

## Choosing a Confirmation Name

As a candidate for the sacrament of Confirmation, you have two options concerning the choice of a Confirmation name.

1. Stay with your present baptismal name (your regular first name). This shows the sacramental connection with the first and second part of your initiation into the Catholic Church- Baptist and First Eucharist. To stay with your baptismal name would demonstrate that you feel there has been a continual growth in your faith and you now wish to make this formal through Confirmation.
2. Pick a saint's name that would symbolize a new beginning in your faith life and a connection with that particular saint. This would be especially true if you felt that you have not been particularly strong in your faith and are now making a renewed commitment to your faith. Your commitment would be symbolized with the taking of a new name to show that you are in some ways now a new person. This new name would be used after your present middle name and before your family name.

That particular saint's name chosen would represent the direction you feel your faith life is taking, or would represent a strength or attribute you feel you need. It is important and necessary to learn something about the saint you choose before you decide on that name. This option of taking a new name is not to be used because you like the sound of the name, how it fits with your other names, or because it is the name of a nice friend or relative.

*Whether you are choosing to keep your present name or take a new name, write two paragraphs about your choice.*

*If you choose to keep your baptismal name, the first paragraph is to be about why you are choosing to keep your baptismal name. The second paragraph is to be about the saint for which you are named and, if applicable, who you were named after and why.*

*If you choose to take a new name, the first paragraph is to be about the particular saint whose name you are choosing. The second paragraph is to be about why you are choosing this particular saint. What symbolism or meaning does this saint hold for you? What do you hope to gain by modeling yourself after this saint?*





**Confirmation Stewardship Service** should be focused on the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy. However, specific service opportunities are not limited to these specific works. For Jesus says, ‘Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.’ Therefore, any act of service for the poor, the disabled, or for any organization that promotes the “least of these” or that uphold the dignity of human life will be accepted.

### **The Corporal Works of Mercy**

Feed the hungry	Give drink to the thirsty	Clothe the naked
Shelter the homeless	Visit the sick	Visit the imprisoned
Bury the dead		

### **The Spiritual Works of Mercy**

Admonish the sinner	Instruct the ignorant	Counsel the doubtful	Comfort the sorrowful
	Bear wrongs patiently	Forgive all injuries	
Pray for the living and the dead			

There are service opportunities that arise throughout the year. Students will receive a flyer or parents will receive an e-mail notice when these opportunities occur. Please know that all hours done through St. Francis School, St. Francis Religious Education or St. Francis Social Concerns all count toward Confirmation Stewardship Projects. Any service that is not listed or any service information not directly communicated to the student or parent through the parish/school will need to be pre-approved by the Religious Education Office.

What is not considered service?

- Doing chores or babysitting at home or for an extended family member
- Volunteering for a commercial entity that is making a profit from the work it is doing
- Any service performed for a material or monetary reward
- Any service performed that is self-serving the candidate or club in which they belong. (i.e. selling candy at a concession stand from which the profits go back to the sports program)

For ongoing Ministerial Participation a Candidate will receive **(4)** Stewardship hours.

Examples include:

- **Altar Serving**
- **Choir**
- **Youth Group**

# Confirmation Service Project Report

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Project (*Give details: what, when, where and why you chose it*)

Total Hours of This Service Project \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Supervising Adult \_\_\_\_\_

Name a *Work of Mercy* or a Scripture passage you feel you put into action by doing this project:

Reflect on any new insight your project gave you — did you learn anything about yourself, about others, and/or about God from doing this?

What kinds of feelings did you have in doing this project? (before, during, after?)

Did you feel any particular gift of the Spirit was helpful to you in doing this project? In what way?

Would you consider being of service in this way even after Confirmation? Why or why not?

