

CONFIRMATION REQUIREMENT

CONFIRMATION NAME ESSAY

You will be asked to think about *THE NAME OF A SAINT* who will be a role model in your young adult life. You have two options.

- ❖ You may choose your present baptismal name (your first or middle name). This shows the sacramental connections with the first and second part of your initiation into the Catholic Church – Baptism and Eucharist. To stay with your baptismal name would demonstrate that you feel there has been a continual growth in your faith and now wish to make this formal through Confirmation.
- ❖ You may also choose the name of a different saint whose life was not easy, but he/she remained faithful to God. This would symbolize a new beginning in your faith life and a connection with that saint. Your commitment is symbolized by the taking of a new name to show that you are in some ways a new person. This name would be used after your present middle name and before your family name, (It typically is not a legal name, but rather is recognized only in church).
- ❖ Whether you are choosing to keep your baptismal name or take a new saint's name, you need to type a few paragraphs explaining why you chose this name. Please include an explanation of how you see how the Saint's life is an example of how he/she used the Gifts and of the Holy Spirit in their lives of faith.
- ❖ Please choose the name of a saint of the same gender: Ex. Girls choose a female saint's name; Boys choose the name of a male saint.