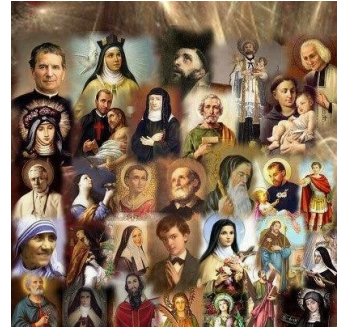


Choosing a Confirmation Name



All of us need heroes! Whether it is in the area of athletics, science, politics, or faith, all of us need role models that we can look up to and emulate. Saints can inspire us and become our heroes when we get to know their stories!

The late Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen once said, “The Church’s job is to make saints, and she is at her best when she gives them to us.” Many people today, living amidst the secularism, materialism and hedonism of our times, question whether it’s really possible to live a virtuous and holy life. Some think that Jesus holds up for us a theoretically high ideal which none of us can attain. But after reading the lives of the saints and the flesh-and-blood circumstances in which they lived and died, you cannot fail but know that the ideals to which Jesus calls us are real and attainable. They are because others, like ourselves, have been there and done it!

It is has been the preference in the past, in our Archdiocese that each Confirmation candidate choose the name of a real, legitimate saint who is well known to that individual. It may be the saint of one’s baptismal designation, or the saint’s name your parents or grandparents carry, or a saint whose life you have read and whose example you wish to follow. But the name you choose should link you with the communion of saints in heaven with whom we worship God, the Father, every time we participate in the Mass.

Most internet websites provide incorrect or inadequate information about the saints. Be careful about the information you collect. (Catholic.org - has good information on saints.)

Choosing a name for Confirmation is an important step in the process of preparation. I ask each candidate to pray, study, and choose a saint in whom he or she can place their confidence not just for today, but for many years to come.

God bless you!

(Adapted from a letter from the former Archbishop John C. Nienstadt)

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Please return this form to Cindy Mauch-Morff by Wednesday, Feb 27th.

Name as you would like printed on the certificate & announced at Mass:

Confirmation Name _____

It has been the wish of the Bishop, that the name you choose be a saint name:

“...a real, legitimate saint who is well known to that individual.”