

Confirmation Names

Parishes have retained the custom wherein a young person preparing for Confirmation selects a “Confirmation Name.” This pious practice, although never a part of the official rite, may be retained. Points of consideration in choosing a Confirmation name are as follows:

- + each of those to be confirmed may choose an appropriate Confirmation Name.
- + only one name is to be chosen.
- + this name should not be foreign to Christian sensibilities.
- + because this is a significant sacramental celebration, names that are very unusual or contrary to Catholic tradition should be discouraged.
- + names should be of like gender to the confirmed.
- + the names should be submitted to the Confirmation Coordinator for approval.
- + the Confirmation Name should be presented in its proper form, rather than in the diminutive (e.g. John, instead of Jack; Susan, instead of Sue).
- + the name received at Baptism may be used again for Confirmation.