

# Catholic Community of Saint Charles Borromeo

## Confirmation Name

When each of us was baptized, we were given a name. Names identify who we are. What does your name mean? Were you named for someone special? Sometimes people change their names or add onto their names to signify a special change in their lives. Jesus changed Simon's name to Peter (rock) to signify the role that Saint Peter would play in the Church and its foundation. Traditionally, a Pope changes his name at the time of his election taking on the name of a saint that has gone before us in faith.

With the celebration of Confirmation, you will complete your initiation into the Church and celebrate God's special way of being with you. One Confirmation custom is to choose a new name that symbolizes this relationship.

According to the guidelines provided by the Diocese of Metuchen, "The Baptismal name is the preferred name at the time of Confirmation. This expresses the relationship between Baptism and Confirmation. If a new name is taken, it should be the name of a recognized saint of the church. If the baptismal name is not that of a recognized saint, a new name should be chosen for the celebration of Confirmation."

Please ask your parents and sponsor to assist you in completing this form and deciding upon a name. There are many websites and books you can use to research the many saints in our Catholic tradition. You can choose one that you admire and would like to be like.

**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Confirmation name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**This saint is known for**

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**Something about this saint that I would like to model in my own life is**

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**Please return to the Religious Formation office by the end of September of your 8<sup>th</sup> grade**