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CONFIRMATION NAME INFORMATION

Each candidate must submit a biography of your name-saint, as well as the reason why you have chose the name. **This form is due back to the Parish Office before June 30, 2009.**

In the early Church, people wanting to enter the Community of Believers would change their name at Baptism. This change symbolized their willingness to “put on Christ”, something that affected **all** aspects of their life, including what they were called.

At Baptism, **you** were given a name by your parents. Whether intentional or not, you were named after some saint (Michael, Theresa, etc.), Biblical character (Sarah, Adam, etc.), or Christian virtues (Faith, Hope, etc.). This name then connects you in a special way to those believers of long ago.

As you approach the Sacrament of Confirmation, you are given the opportunity to select another name – one of your **choosing**. This “Confirmation name” is **not** a legal name. Rather, it’s a symbolic action that connects you with a saint whom you admire or would like to imitate. It is **not**, however, a change to honor some family relatives **unless** that person is very much like the saint for whom they were named.

The choosing of a name of the opposite sex may be done if there is a valid reason, **with the approval of Sr. Georgia.**

Your responsibility, upon choosing you name, is to pray daily to this saint for guidance to fulfill your responsibilities as an adult Catholic. You must pray that your faith increases and that you have the moral courage to follow the Gospel message of Jesus, who invites you to share in the fullness of life in Him.

May you be abundantly blessed!

(Please see reverse side)

CONFIRMATION NAME FORM

Candidates Name: _____
 First Baptismal Middle Last

Choice of Name for Confirmation: _____

I used the following for my information:

Book Name: _____

Page Number: _____

Author: _____

Publishing Date: _____

Web Site Address: _____

Biography of Saint

Please include the dates of birth, death and canonization; country this saint lived and worked in; virtues and good deeds that show the exemplary life he/she lived; your reason for choosing this name. **Please write legibly.**