"I have called you by name…you are Mine!"

Confirmation Name

Choosing a Confirmation Name
Your name was spoken aloud on the day of your Baptism and it became part of your identity as God's child and a member of the Catholic Church. A great deal of thought went into your parents' choice in naming you. Now that you have decided to become confirmed, you have the opportunity to think in a new way about your name.

Reaffirming Your Baptismal Name

Although it is traditional to take a new name at Confirmation, it is not required; you may want to reaffirm your baptismal name. Confirmation seals and strengthens the faith and grace you receive at Baptism. It completes your Baptism. Reaffirming your baptismal name is a sign of your commitment to live out the promises your parents and godparents made for you at Baptism.

Adding a New Name
You may choose to add a new name at Confirmation. This decision indicates your new awareness of how Confirmation will help you live as a disciple of Christ. The name you choose must be a Christian name…the name of a saint or one of the great men or women from the Bible. Spend time prayerfully reflecting about your choice.

Researching Your Name
Whether you reaffirm your baptismal name or add a new name at Confirmation, research the life of your Christian namesake. The research you do will help you focus on the reason for your decision.