

CONFIRMATION NAME AND SPONSOR

Confirmation Name

Why choose a Confirmation Name?

In the Bible we read that God gave a new name to a person when they were given a special task to fulfil. For example, when God called Abram away from his tribe and promised to make his descendants into a great nation, he renamed him Abraham. When Jesus gave special authority to Simon, he renamed him Peter. In the Acts of Apostles, we read that Saul was called Paul after his conversion.

How do I choose a name?

When we receive the Holy Spirit at Confirmation we are making a decision to offer our lives to God. The Gifts of the Spirit will help us to do this. To mark this important decision you may take an extra name. You should choose a recognised saint, someone you admire. Start now to learn about their life and pray to them for help and guidance.

Choosing a new name is optional, you can use your baptismal name, this reminds us that Confirmation is linked to Baptism.

Sponsors

What does a Sponsor do?

The task of a Sponsor is to speak up for you on behalf of the Parish, and present you to the Bishop on the day of your Confirmation. They are also expected to be there to help and support you in your journey through life as you mature in your faith.

Who can be my Sponsor?

- A person over 16, who is a baptised and confirmed member of the Catholic Church
- A practising member of the church community
- Someone who knows you well

The ideal is for one of your Baptismal Godparents to be your Confirmation Sponsor but this is not always possible. Parents do not usually sponsor their children. An older family member, including a brother or sister, could be your Sponsor or you could ask a family friend. It is very important that your Sponsor fulfils the required conditions.



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Please complete and return the form below by 3 December 2019.

Candidate's Name

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Reasons for Confirmation Name

Sponsor's Name

Relationship with Sponsor