

**St. Francis de Sales Church
Parish Religious Education Program**

Confirmation Program

CONFIRMATION NAMES

The tradition of taking a saint's name has its origin in the early Christian Church. To signify their new life in Christ, the pagans would change their name to that of an early Church leader. If the candidate's Baptismal name is that of a recognized saint of the Church then there is no need to select a new name for Confirmation. Using the baptismal name for Confirmation is preferred because it highlights the relationship between the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation.

If the candidate *chooses* to take a new name for Confirmation, it should be a name selected in honor of Jesus or Mary or from a list of recognized saints of the Catholic Church. Candidates should choose a patron whose Christian life or virtues can be imitated; thereby, serving as patrons and models in their life journey.

Student Name: _____

Confirmation Name: _____

(Please PRINT your Confirmation Name clearly and correctly as this is how it will appear on your certificate. Thank you.)