

Saint John Vianney Confirmation Name Selection Form

Due: On or before December 11, 2022

My Confirmation saint is: _____

The **Confirmation name** I have selected is _____ (i.e. Agatha) **Your confirmation name should be the same as, or a form of your Confirmation saint's name –we need to know both names.**

Please let us know how you would like your name to appear on your certificate

My First Name is: _____

My Middle Name is: _____

My Last Name is: _____

Here are the Archdiocesan of Milwaukee guidelines for Confirmation name selection:

- Candidates may use their baptismal name or another Christian name when receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- A Christian name is the name of a saint or blessed.
- Derivatives of names (Kelly for Catherine; Jenna for Genevieve) or Old Testament names are also appropriate.
- Candidates may use their first or second names if they are Christian names, or they may select a new Christian name.
- The candidate should know the relationship of the name to the religious Christian tradition.
- Exceptions can be made if a particular non-Christian or family name has significant meaning for a candidate that can be articulated to the bishop.
- Most importantly, candidates should learn about their patron as part of their preparation for the sacrament and should particularly focus on the virtues of their patron they wish to emulate.

Note:

Obscure saints of antiquity with no true historical evidence of their existence should not be chosen. For instance, if your chosen saint requires an intricate online search to determine his/her relationship to our Church, then you should refrain from selecting that name.

A good rule of thumb: consider limiting your search for a Confirmation name to the resources listed on the reverse side of this paper.

We reserve the right to request you choose an alternate Confirmation name should we deem your first selection to be unfit or inappropriate for the sacrament. Also complete the paragraphs about your saint. (See BELOW & other side)

YOUR SAINT PARAGRAPHS

- Please type. No need to write more than a page.
- *Note: you may need to do some research in addition to the websites listed in order to find all of the information you need.*

1. Which Saint did you choose? Where was she/he from? What time period?
 - a. Were they the patron saint of something personally relevant to you? Did the way she/he lived resonate with you? Is the saint's name, a family name?
 - b. What's the origin of this name?
2. What name did you choose? Why?

3. If there are multiple saints by that name, make it clear which one you mean. If the Saint has a subtitle (such as “Thérèse of Lisieux, the Little Flower of Jesus”), include it because that will help clarify who you are talking about.
4. What do you admire about this Saint?
5. Name a few positive characteristics (virtues) that she/he exemplified. (i.e. courage, compassion, perseverance, etc.)
6. Why do you need those same virtues today?

Please turn your responses and your Confirmation Name and Form to your teacher.

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee Suggests these Resources

There are several online lists of patron saints and confirmation names. There are also numerous books of names and of the lives of the saints. A candidate may use a list to generate interest in a name, or to see if their own name is a saint's name. Then he or she should look to a more substantial biography. Following is a bibliography on saints, and several links to name lists.

Online Lists of Saints

Roman Catholic Saints by Name - American Catholic.org

Patron Saints by their Cause- American Catholic.org

Find Your Saints

Saints.SQPN.com

Patron Saints - St. Charles Borromeo Parish

Saints & Angels - Catholic Online

Bibliography

Dictionary of Patron Saints' Names

by Thomas Sheehan
Our Sunday Visitor, 2001

Dictionary of Saints

by John J. Delaney
Image; Revised ed 2005

Encyclopedia of Saints

by Rosemary Guiley
Checkmark Books, 2001

Illustrated World Encyclopedia of Saints

by Tessa Paul
Lorenz Books, 2009

New Dictionary of Saints, East and West

by Michael Walsh
Liturgical Press, 2007

Our Sunday Visitor's Encyclopedia of Saints

by Matthew, Margaret, Stephen Bunson
Our Sunday Visitor, Revised ed, 2003

Oxford Dictionary of Saints

by David Hugh Farmer
Oxford University Press, 5th ed, 2004

A Saint for Your Name: Saints for Girls, and

A Saint for Your Name: Saints for Boys

by Albert Nevins and Ann Ball
Our Sunday Visitor, Revised ed, 1999

A Saint's Name

by Woodeene Koenig-Bricker
Acta Publications, 2000

Complete Christian Baby Name Book:

Catholic Names of Saints, Angels & Virtues

by Nicole McGinnis
IUniverse, 2008

Our Sunday Visitor offers several collections:

Saintly Youth of Modern Times, Saintly Women of Modern Times, Saintly Men of Modern Times, Saints of North America, Saints of Asia, Saints of Africa