

St Mary Magdalene Confirmation

The custom of choosing a “new name” and being called by that name during the Confirmation liturgy stems from the biblical tradition of a change of name indicating a new or renewed commitment to God. Abraham and Sarah, our parents in faith, were called Abram and Sarai before they made a covenant with God. Peter was called Simon, and Paul was Saul before they became followers of Christ.

The name you choose must be a saint's name. You can verify that the name is a saint's name by looking it upon this website. www.catholic.org/saints/

You are now making a renewed commitment to your faith and your commitment is be symbolized with the taking of a new name to show that you are in some ways a new person.

The name you choose should represent the direction you feel your faith life is taking, or would represent a strength or attribute you feel you need. It is important and necessary to know something about the saint before you decide on that name. This option of taking a new name is not to be used because you like the sound of the name, how it fits with your other names, or because it is the name of a nice friend or relative!

This new name would be used after your present name middle name and before your family name.

(Please Print)

I have chosen _____ **for my Confirmation name.**

If you have selected a saint such as St. Catherine of Siena, let me know if you want your Confirmation name to be recorded in the Church records as Catherine or Catherine of Siena.

Candidate's Signature

Date