



ST. MARTIN DE PORRES CONFIRMATION PROGRAM GUIDELINES FOR CHOOSING YOUR NAME

Dear Students,

Please read these guidelines for choosing your Confirmation name. After deciding your Confirmation name please **fill out and return the below portion of this sheet** to the Religious Education Office **by February 2 or 3, 2016**. Saint Martin de Porres students may hand this form into your classroom teacher, If the name you have chosen is **not** recognized by the Catholic Church, you will be notified to select another name.

Taking on a new name has always been indicative of a change in lifestyle, in commitment, in inner disposition and attitude. And so it should be with regard to taking a name for Confirmation. That name should reflect the kind of person you would like to be or become.

In choosing your name several factors should be considered:

1. You may keep, or re-choose your own name given to you by your parents at Baptism as long as it is a Christian name after a Saint. This serves to affirm your Baptismal commitment through your Confirmation commitment.

2. You may choose a new name. You must choose a Saint name which could be the name of your sponsor, parent, grandparent or another Christian that you admire or respect. But this name must be a Saint's name or a derivative of a Saint's name. (For example, *Carolyn* is a feminine form of Charles, so although there is no St. Carolyn, it could be used as a derivative of Charles.)

3. Some recommended source materials that can help you are: Catholic Encyclopedia, Catholic Saints.org and Butler's Lives of the Saints. They will list Catholic Saints and their histories.

Please Print:

Student Name: _____

Confirmation

Name: _____