WHAT'S IN A NAME?

At Baptism, you were given a Christian name as a sign of your new identity as a follower of Jesus. At Confirmation, you have the opportunity to take a second, or Confirmation name, to add to your Baptismal name. The name should express something of your inner self or what you hope to become. The ideal or goal you are setting for yourself as a Christian.

In ancient societies, the act of naming a child was very important and usually had a religious significance. The name was intended to express the very essence of the person and was thought to direct the person's destiny.

It is interesting to note the Bible stories of people whose names were changed. Abram's name was changed to Abraham to signify his new identity as the Father of God's people. Jacob's name was changed to Israel to signify the nation that would be made up of his descendants. The name of the apostle Simon was changed to Peter, the rock upon whom Jesus would build His Church. The name of Saul was changed to Paul, signifying his conversion to Christ.

The name you will choose for your Confirmation will be the name by which the Bishop will address you at your Confirmation ceremony. Some people choose their Baptismal name as their Confirmation name, or you may select a new name. In either case, the name should signify your resolve and commitment to live as a disciple of Jesus and member of the Church.

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Candidate's Name: _____
(Student)

Candidate's Confirmation Name: _____

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