

Confirmation Name Choice

During the Confirmation liturgy, you and your sponsor will go before the Bishop for the Laying on of hands and Anointing with chrism. Chrism is holy anointing oil. Your sponsor will place his/her hand on your shoulder. The Bishop will call you by your Confirmation name and trace the sign of the cross on your forehead with the chrism. He will call you by your chosen name and then say, "Be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit." You will respond, "Amen."

In The Seal Of The Spirit, the Archdiocese of Baltimore provides the following guidance regarding the candidate's choice of Confirmation name:

In order to manifest the close relationship of Confirmation to Baptism, the candidates, according to the longstanding custom of the Church, may retain their baptismal name. However, a special name may be chosen if desired, in which case it should be that of a recognized saint of the Church, or a person from scripture (CF Canon #855).

Please print clearly.

Candidate's name:

Confirmation name choice:

Why did you choose this name?:

What does it mean to be anointed? To be anointed is to be set apart for God, to be chosen by God for a special mission.

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