***Choosing a Confirmation Name***

“Choosing a name is personal and it is a means of claiming the sacrament. You might wish to reflect on the name you chose for confirmation and look up his or her biography. You might even offer a prayer in the name of your saint. He or she would be glad to hear from you.” *Most Reverend Jerome E Listecki*

***Guidelines for Choosing a Name***

***From Archbishop Jerome Listecki, Bishop Richard Sklba and Bishop William Callahan***

* Candidates may use their baptismal name or another Christian name when receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.
* A Christian name would be 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 be encouraged to learn about their patron as part of their preparation for the sacrament and should particularly focus on the virtues of the patron they wish to emulate.

*(Archbishop likes to ask candidates about their saint choice as he confirms each candidate; the more meaning a saint has for you, the easier it will be to talk to Archbishop about your choice.)*