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Confirmation Name: _____

(This name will be included in your sacramental record after Confirmation.)

Reflection on Saint Names: Choosing a Confirmation Name

*Please complete and return to the Christian Formation Office by **Sunday, December 13***

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee requires Confirmation candidates to choose a Confirmation name. 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) are also appropriate. Candidates may use their first or second names if they are Christian names, or they may select a new Christian name.

In your letters of intention to be confirmed, you should explain the relationship of the chosen name to the religious Christian tradition and why you chose the name – and be prepared to share this information with the Bishop at Confirmation.

1) Research the saints. Ask friends/families about their favorite saints. Check out online resources, like <http://www.catholic.org/saints/>. Look at the saints whose feasts are on or near your birthday, or choose a patron saint that interests you. We have books in the parish if you would like to look through them. After researching the saints, answer the following questions.

2) What is your Baptismal name? _____

Why were you given this name? _____

3) Which Saint do you most admire, and why?

4) Consider your talents. List Saints with one or more of those same talents.

5) Which saint do you most connect with? Why?

6) Considering the above reflection of Saints, what Saint name do you choose as your Confirmation name?

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Why? _____

(Note: The answer to this question should be included in your Letter of Intention.)

Questions?

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