

YOUR CONFIRMATION NAME

Called by NAME

In the Book of Isaiah we read, “I have called you by name: you are mine” (Isaiah 43:1) Your name was spoken aloud on the day of your Baptism and it became part of your identity as a beloved child of God and a member of the Catholic Church. There was, most likely, a good deal of thought put into choosing a name for you.

You may be named after a relative, special family friend, a saint that is admired by one or both of your parents. No matter how your name was chosen, the act of naming is powerful.

Jesus was given his name by God. The Angel revealed to Mary and Joseph what his name was to be. They could have chosen to give him a different name, but the Holy Spirit was at work within them, just the same way the Holy Spirit was at work in your parents when they chose your name.

REAFFIRMING YOUR BAPTISMAL NAME

At one point in our Church history, it became popular to choose a new name at Confirmation, however, it was never required by the Church that this practice be done.

It has been the history and practice of Our Lady’s Immaculate Heart Parish Community since its founding in 1960 to return to the practice of honoring a person’s given Baptismal Name at the time of Confirmation. Therefore the practice of choosing a confirmation name is not required at Our Lady’s Immaculate Heart.

RESEARCH YOUR NAME

Now is the time to discuss with your parents the significance of your name. Why did they choose your name? Is there a special meaning or history behind your name? Find out all you can about your Christian namesake. How does the person or people with your same name serve as a guide for your life long faith journey. The research you do will help you appreciate your name and give you a sense of pride. If there is a particular Saint that is of interest, research that name too. However, your Baptismal Name will be used in the worship aid and on official Sacramental record.

Mary

John

Mark

Cecilia

Martha

Catherine

Thomas

Michael