



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

To Evangelize God's People beginning with the Gift of the Holy Eucharist

SAINT NAME

St. John Chrysostom encouraged parents to name their children after holy men and women known for their virtue that the children might look to them as role models. In the past, the Church required that parents give Christian names to their children to avoid baptizing someone with a pagan name. Today, the *Code of Canon Law* simply states that, "Parents, sponsors, and the pastor are to take care that a name *foreign to Christian sensibility* is not given" (CIC 855). However, the custom of taking on a saint's name at Baptism or Confirmation is still regularly observed. Please indicate below whether you wish to do so. (Note: If you already have a saint's name – like Michael or Therese – you can still choose another saint's name you have a devotion to, such as your patron saint!)

Your Name: _____

Home Address: _____

I do not wish to take a Saint's name as my baptismal / confirmation name.

or:

I wish to take a Saint's name as my baptismal / confirmation name. If so:

Saint Name: _____

Reason for Choosing / Devotion to Saint: _____
