

# Sacred Heart RC Church Camberwell.

## 2023 Confirmation Course Application Form



Please print clearly.

Surname: .....

Christian / Baptism name: .....

Other names: .....

Father's full name: .....

Mother's full name: .....

Address: .....

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Postcode: .....

Telephone number: .....

Mobile number: .....

Email address: .....

Present school: .....

Year in school: .....

Place of Baptism (**Name of Parish**) and **FULL ADDRESS**: .....

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Place of first communion (**Name of Parish**) and **FULL ADDRESS**: .....

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Which Parish do you currently attend? .....

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**Take the form to your parish priest to complete the next section:**

**Name & Signature** of Parish Priest: .....

**Date:** .....

*This form **MUST** be returned with a photocopy of the Baptism AND 1<sup>st</sup> Communion certificates stapled to it. Please also ensure you return the Sponsor and Confirmation name forms with your application. Every section of this form must be fully completed before submission.*

## About Confirmation Names:

Confirmation names are a special part of the confirmation process for Roman Catholics. Before the sacrament of being confirmed, those seeking confirmation choose to take a saint's name with whom they identify. After confirmation the confirmed can pray to the saint for guidance and protection.

### Features

Roman Catholics going through confirmation choose a saint they feel a similarity to as their confirmation name. The patron saint then serves as their guide and protector.

### Types

The set of confirmation names is as long as the list of saints that can be found in the resources section below. Some of the more popular confirmation names for girls are Mary, Teresa and Catherine. For boys they are Michael, Thomas and Francis.

### Considerations

The common advice for those trying to decide on a name is to research saint names and find one that fits their personality or spiritual goals. Those seeking confirmation are also encouraged to pray and seek a saint that is willing to guide them as they seek a closer relationship with God.

## How to Choose A Saints Name

During the Catholic sacrament of Confirmation, God the Holy Spirit comes upon you to bestow numerous spiritual gifts and "confirm" the faith given you in Baptism when Original Sin was wiped away. You choose a Confirmation name before Confirmation. This new name, imposed by the bishop during Confirmation, becomes a part of your full name. It comes after your first and middle names and before the last name.

1. Find a list of canonized saints in the Roman Catholic Church by reading a book or doing online research. Saints are people who have lived holy lives and are now in heaven as members of the Church Triumphant. Their life stories provide examples for others on how to overcome spiritual obstacles on Earth.
2. Read about male saints if you're male, and female saints if you're female. Generally speaking, you'll want to choose a name that matches your gender.
3. Pray to the Holy Spirit, and ask Him for help in finding a saint whose life you'd like to imitate. This saint will be bonded with you spiritually, and in essence becomes your heavenly patron who intercedes for you before God.
4. Narrow your selection to two saints. One of them will be your new Confirmation name. Think about the specific virtues those saints exhibited, such as patience, perfection, diligence, humility, mortification, meekness, obedience, prayer, charity or simplicity. Find a virtue that connects with you.
5. Consider the one or two special stories told about those saints on your "short" list to help you find a spiritual connection. For example, St. Maximilian Kolbe gave up his life for another person's life in a German concentration camp during World War II, and so showed the virtue of selflessness. St. Francis, a spiritual leader who founded a religious order, led a simple life of poverty and greatly loved animals.
6. Select your Confirmation name, and inform your family and friends. Get used to it by saying it over and over again in your mind. Practice writing it as part of your full name.
7. Before you are confirmed, pray to the saint whose name you will be using as your Confirmation name. Ask this saint to intercede for you, to help you make the right moral choices, and overall to be a powerful spiritual guide the rest of your life.
8. Buy pictures, holy cards, statues and books associated with your Confirmation's namesake. These visual reminders of your saint will help you reflect upon his or her unique virtues.

Check out saints on line: [www.catholic.org](http://www.catholic.org) Choose saints!



# SPONSOR REQUEST

Please note the chosen sponsor must:

- ❖ Be a practising Catholic
- ❖ Over 18 year's old
- ❖ Should not be a sibling of the candidate

Please ask the sponsor to fill in the details below:

I ..... (Name of sponsor) Agree to be a sponsor to ..... (Candidate name) during the sacrament of Confirmation and support him/her in the life of a mature Christian.

Signature ..... Date .....

## THIS PART MUST BE FILLED IN BY THE SPONSOR'S PARISH PRIEST

Parish of sponsor .....

Sponsors Parish Priest (Name) .....

Signature .....

Date .....