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## **What's in a Name? Catholic Health Announces Most Popular Baby Names for 2017**

It's probably one of the first decisions parents make – sometimes long before their baby is born – what to name their new bundle of joy. Whether it's after a beloved family member, popular celebrity or famed sports hero, or just a name they like, most parents give a lot of thought into picking just the right moniker for their son or daughter.

In Catholic Health, Olivia and Noah topped this year's list of most popular baby names. Olivia remained the most popular girl's name for the third year in a row, however, Noah knocked out Benjamin for this year's top male spot. Below is a list of the top 10 baby names in Catholic Health for 2017 and 2016 (includes births at Sisters of Charity Hospital, Mercy Hospital of Buffalo, and Mount St. Mary's Hospital):

<b>Girls 2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>Boys 2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
Olivia	Olivia	Noah	Benjamin
Charlotte	Charlotte	Lucas	Noah
Amelia	Emma	Logan	Owen
Evelyn	Amelia	Benjamin	Liam
Sophia	Ava	Michael	James
Emma	Ella	Thomas	Lucas
Ava	Evelyn	Jack	Joseph
Mia	Abigail	Liam	Michael
Harper	Sophia	Jackson	Jackson
Ella	Mia	Wyatt	Logan