

PARISH NAMING OPPORTUNITY!

Dear Parishioners,

As promised, you're invited to be part of this exciting opportunity of naming the newly unified Parish. Please take some time to review the following information and to keep this process in your prayers.

Timetable and Naming Process:

- All parishioners are invited to submit names from 12/23/23 – 1/21/24.
- The Unification Committee will consolidate the input for Renew My Church leadership to screen on 1/24/24.
- Parish survey of 3 - 6 names that pass the initial review process will be presented to the parish for voting 02/03/24 – 02/12/24.
- Selected names will be presented to the Episcopal Council at the Archdiocese in late February.
- Episcopal Council submits names for consideration from the parish and the Cardinal selects a unified parish name on 03/05/24.

Guidelines:

- Mission Driven. Two church communities, each with a proud history, should be thoughtfully considered; along with how we will re-focus ourselves to the mission that Jesus entrusted to us in Schaumburg and Hoffman Estates.
- Unique Identity. Names are important and can define us uniquely. The name selected will reflect the identity of the newly unified community and our presence in the neighborhood. It symbolizes who we are and what we want to be as a faith community.
- Saints and Feast Days. The names need not necessarily be saint names; however, they should be associated with a feast day for the new Parish to celebrate. Internet links are offered for your assistance and consideration.
- Cardinal Cupich has specified that newly united parishes do not consider a name that is already in use as the name of a parish, school, mission, agency or shrine in the archdiocese. This means, for example, that St. Michael cannot be used as a prospective name, as it is already in use in the archdiocese. The name for the new parish should have a feast day for the new parish to celebrate. Because of the abundance of Marian names in use, no other names to honor the Blessed Mother will be considered.
 - <https://catholic.org/saints>
 - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_saints_canonized_by_Pope_Francis
 - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_saints_canonized_by_Pope_Benedict_XVI
 - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_saints_canonized_by_Pope_John_Paul_II

Let's show our enthusiasm by inspiring the Cardinal with our ideas as he discerns the future name of our unified Parish!

May God bless you all.

The Unification Committee Members; Bob Jachnicki, Chair, Bill Clark, Vanessa Colletti, Fr. Tim Fairman, Steve Govea, Fr. Matt Jamesson, Bill Kelley, Joanie Linnane, Roger Malinski, and Kent Perry.

To participate, submit a name using the form below, writing neatly. Place the completed form in the ballot box at each church or return the ballot to the Parish office. The deadline for submission is **Midnight, January 21, 2024.**

Suggested Parish Name:

The reason(s) for the suggested name:
