

Poll to Prioritize Potential Parish Names

Prayerfully consider the characteristics of our three parishes. Consider the names and rationales listed below. Please indicate your top two choices and return this sheet in the collection or at the office. **Due by October 3.**

The characteristics below helped guide members of the Joint Pastoral Council as they developed this list.

- Community (internal, external, school)
- Social ministries
- Inclusion and hospitality
- Diversity
- Being mission focused
- Having strength in healing
- Open-mindedness

Please select two

_____ **Blessed Trinity** The name would represent three diverse communities becoming one. Just as our faith is in three persons in one God, our upcoming merger will unite three parishes into one faith community.

_____ **Mary, Mother of All Saints** "All Saints" can refer to all the saints of our diverse parishes. Mary is the mother of all of us, and she intercedes with the Lord for us. Her guidance will assist us as we become one parish.

_____ **Saint Cyprian** His life and work embody the life and works of our namesake saints: Saint James evangelized and was martyred for his faith; St. Charles Lwanga was a convert from Africa martyred for his faith; Saint Bede was a prolific writer whose works helped to bring our faith alive.

_____ **Saint Joan of Arc** An educated young woman who gave her life in service to God and Country. She was a leader in battle who did not refuse her calling and was a martyr burned at the stake. Her strong faith and willingness to serve in the face of opposition and controversy can inspire us.

_____ **Saint Josephine Bakhita** A Sudanese woman sold into slavery as a child, transported to Italy and encountered a religious order she fought to join. She work as a cook and was know for her welcome to all as the doorkeeper. If St. Josephine could thrive in spite of the terrible things that happened to her, then our community can survive the challenges that we face and welcome all.

_____ **Saint Martin de Porres:** The patron saint of interracial harmony and social justice, which can serve as the foundation of many of the endeavors of our new parish. He was a Peruvian lay-brother who ministered to the poor and sick. If we work together in this new community we can create a rich, compassionate and welcoming home for all.

_____ **Saint Mary Magdalene** She was the apostle to the apostles; first to witness Christ's resurrection and share the good news with the other apostles. The merger of our three parishes gives us the opportunity to share the good news with our large, diverse population.

_____ **Saint Oscar Romero** A Salvadorian saint from the modern era who fought for social justice and peace. He committed his life to the poor and downtrodden, important to the members of our new parish. He was martyred by gun violence while on the altar. Saint Oscar Romero's example is a model of building God's kingdom in the face of injustice and adversity.

_____ **St. Vincent de Paul:** A French priest dedicated to serving the poor, venerated as a saint in both Catholic and Anglican Churches. His name connects to St. Bede and St. Charles Lwanga's involvement with the St. Vincent de Paul Society and to St. James's Sisters of Charity founder, Elizabeth Seton, who took her inspiration from the two of them. His values will continue to inspire vital ministry for the new parish community.

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