

RECOMMENDATION FORM

FOR THE NAMING OF THE PARISH
CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF GREENE COUNTY #338

RECOMMENDATION OF NAMES FOR THE NEW PARISH

The petition to Bishop Zubik to merge the parishes in the grouping will include the recommendation of three names for his consideration in the naming of the new parish. Although Bishop Zubik will consider the three names, it will be his decision whether or not he selects one the the names.

The criteria used for determining the choice of names is as follows:

- 1) Any proposed name should be taken from:
 - a) the Most Holy Trinity;
 - b) Our Lord Jesus Christ, invoked under a mystery of his life or under his name as used in the liturgy or Scripture;
 - c) the Holy Spirit;
 - d) the Blessed Virgin Mary under a given title already found in the liturgy;
 - e) the holy angels;
 - f) a saint from the list found in the Church's calendar of memorials and feasts;
 - g) all names of those who are beatified or named "blessed".
- 2) It is preferable not to choose a name that is already used many times in the Diocese
- 3) Hyphenated names of current parishes are permitted, but not recommended. There are advantages to choosing a new name for the new community of people who will form a new parish community.
- 4) Normally new parishes will receive new names. However, in some circumstances the Bishop may decide to retain the name of one of the parishes for the name of the merged parish. However, current names of parishes should not be among the three recommended.

Note: Since there are multiple church buildings in the new parish, all churches will retain their current names.

After careful and prayerful reflection of the above criteria, I recommend the following name (check ONLY ONE):

- Recommended Name #1 and Rationale**

- Recommended Name #2 and Rationale**

- Recommended Name #3 and Rationale**

To preserve the integrity of the process, forms that are not signed cannot be considered.

Signature: _____
Print Name: _____
Parish: _____
Home Address: _____

Completed forms can be deposited in the collection basket, dropped off or mailed to the parish office DUE DATE: **February 10, 2019**