**Grouping: 121 Bethel Park/Upper St. Clair**

 **Saint John Capistran (USC) and Saint Thomas More (BP)**

**Recommendation of Names for the New Parish: First Step: Suggesting Names From the Parishioners**

**Criteria**

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

1. Any proposed name should be taken from:
	1. the Most Holy Trinity;
	2. Our Lord Jesus Christ, invoked under a mystery of his life or under his name as used in the liturgy or Scripture;
	3. the Holy Spirit;
	4. the Blessed Virgin Mary under a given title already found in the liturgy;
	5. the holy angels;
	6. a saint from the list found in the Church’s calendar of memorials and feasts.
	7. 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***

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

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| Signature: |  |
| Print Name: |  |
| Parishioner at: |  |
| Home Address: |  |
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**Completed forms can be deposited in the collection basket, dropped off or**

**mailed to the parish office. DUE DATE: Monday, December 16**