

What should our new Area Catholic Community be named?

On July 1, 2020, Mary of the Immaculate Conception will join Saint Boniface, Saint James and Saints Peter & Paul to form a new Area Catholic Community, as such, we will need a new name.

What's important about a name?

In the Christian tradition, names bring forth into a reality a new creation and gives identity to a person or community. When God gave Moses the divine name, the Hebrew people entered into a new relationship. When the Hebrew people became the people of Israel, they took on a new identity. While the history remains, new relationships form from a new name. Much like we do at Confirmation, we are invited now to give our new relationship with God and with each other a name. We invite you to prayerfully offer names for this new relationship among the parishes of Saint James of Jacobs Prairie, Saints Peter & Paul in Richmond, Saint Boniface in Cold Spring and Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Rockville.

Just for an idea the other communities have created new names for the ACC as "ACC" is clunky and boring. Other communities have the following titles:

- a. **Northern Cross Area Catholic Community**
Butler, Dent, Perham, Rush Lake
- b. **Four Pillars in Faith Area Catholic Community**
Foreston, Milaca, Mora, Ogilvie
- c. **Central Lakes Area Catholic Community**
Alexandria, Belle River, Osakis
- d. **North Central Area Catholic Community**
Bertha, Blue Grass, Bluffton, Menahga, Motley, Staples, Verndale, Wadena
- e. **Harvest of Hope Catholic Community**
Albany, Avon, St. Anthony, St. Martin

Two suggestions made at the meeting were Spirit of Saints Community and Rich Spring Rock Prairie Catholic Community.

What would you suggest our new community to be called?

Your Name _____ Phone number _____

Email address _____

Deadline for submission is Sunday, December 15. Contact Sandee Kremers with any questions. 320-685-3280 ext. 602