

## **St. Barbara St. Therese Unified Parish Name**

Dear Parishioners of St. Barbara and St. Therese, 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 ideas from May 14 – May 26.
- The Unification Council will consolidate parishioner input and narrow down the list to 3 to 6 names for RMC leadership to consider on May 27. (Please note the rationale for a suggested name is as important as the name. A name may pass screening because of a compelling justification.)
- The Episcopal Council will screen the submitted names from June 2 to June 16 and submit a final list to the Cardinal for consideration.
- The Cardinal selects a unified parish name on June 25.

### **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 this particular location we live in---Bridgeport and Chinatown.
- 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.
  - <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_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_Benedict_XVI)
  - [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_saints\\_canonized\\_by\\_Pope\\_John\\_Paul\\_II](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.

Peace,

Fr. Li, Fr. Marat, Unification Council Members

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Options to submit a suggested name: 1) Use [Google Forms](#); 2) Print the form below, write your suggestion neatly, and place the completed form in the collection baskets or return them to the Parish office; or 3) Email your suggestion to [newparishname@sttheresechicago.org](mailto:newparishname@sttheresechicago.org). The deadline for submission is **11:59pm, Sunday, May 26, 2019**.

**Suggested Parish Name:**

**The reason(s) for the suggested name:**