Naming of Multi-Parish Communities
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Rationale:
The Archdiocesan Planning Commission determined that the process for organizing parishes under the leadership of one pastor will be called: the **clustering of parishes** or **clustering.**

It was further decided that the term "cluster" should not be used to describe the group of parishes but that **multi-parish or multi-parish community** is preferable. Other references, such as "family of parishes" or "network of parishes," are acceptable.

The naming of multi-parish communities is necessary not only for identifying the common activity they share but for the creation and use of websites that will not have domain issues.

Following the process below, will ensure that there are no duplications of names.

Selecting a Name for Your Multi-Parish Community:
Some possible ways to approach names for parishes served by one pastor or planning to be served by one pastor:

A. Communities with two parishes will likely refer to themselves as: **St. Blepto and St. Cunegunda Parishes.** A new name may not be necessary but is optional.
B. Communities with three or more parishes should follow the next steps.

Steps for Selecting a Name for a Community with three or more parishes:
1. Identify a **geographical reference** – city, town, area or neighborhood – which distinguishes the community of parishes from all others.
2. The name must include **Catholic** in the title.
3. The name must use either **parishes or community** after Catholic. Here are some actual examples of names:

    o Catholic Community of Waukesha
    o Northwest Milwaukee Catholic Parishes
    o Milwaukee Westside Catholic Parishes
    o Sheboygan North Catholic Parishes
    o South Shore Catholic Parishes
    o Sheboygan South Catholic Parishes

Submit the Name:
Names for communities are submitted to the Archdiocesan Planning Commission. The Commission meets in March, June, September and December. Submissions should be sent to Mark Kemmeter at kemmeterm@archmil.org.