

Naming of a Meeting Room or Hall in a Parish Church

No. 1107

Policy Statement: Parishes are to follow specific criteria guiding the process for naming a meeting room and/or parish hall.

Intent of Policy: The intention of the name is to support the mission of the parish and to establish and deepen the relationship of everyone in the parish with the person of Jesus Christ as members of his Body, the Church. Naming of a gathering place is to resonate with the ethos and character of the parish community.

Procedure: Names to consider in keeping with these foundational principles:

- Aspect of the mystery of Jesus Christ (Christ the King, Good Shepherd, Holy Trinity, Holy Name of Jesus, Divine Mercy, etc.).
 - Title of Our Lady (Our Lady of Grace) or event related to her life (Nativity of Our Lady, Assumption of Mary).
 - A canonized saint, since canonization is a declaration to the universal Church that the one canonized is worthy of imitation. The saint after whom the room/hall is named offers an inspiration and a model for the people meeting and for the activities taking place there.
 - A former Pope or the name associated with heavenly beings such as angels.
- 1) The pastor, parish pastoral council and parishioners consider a name or names through consultation.
 - 2) The proposed name or names and rationale, in keeping with the principles, are submitted to the pastor for review and approval.
 - 3) Once approved, a naming ceremony may take place, and may involve:
 - A planning committee
 - Invitations
 - Blessing of room
 - Light reception
 - Etc.

Exception: Should a proposed name not be in keeping with the foundational principles, the Pastor will consult the Office of the Archbishop.