

# **Resurrection Roman Catholic Parish Pastoral Council**

## **Purpose – Profile - Composition – Selection**

### **Pastoral Council Mission Statement**

*It is the Spirit who gives us life...*

*A parish does not exist for itself but to fulfill the mission of Christ in the world. As a Pastoral Council, we commit ourselves to help fulfill this ministry by encouraging and challenging our brothers and sisters in faith to do the same through our own examples of discipleship. With this sense of commitment and with love and mutual respect for one another, we strive to truly serve the Lord both here at Resurrection Parish and beyond.*

### **Purpose of the Parish Pastoral Council**

The Parish Pastoral Council assists the pastor by exploring ideas, discussing plans for the parish, and executing recommendations. The Council does this with the objective of enhancing the quality of parish life, promoting parish vitality, and helping our parishioners celebrate their faith as a united community in Christ.

The Parish Pastoral Council will:

1. assist the pastor in his parish duties, as an advisory body;
2. represent and reflect the needs of the entire parish community;
3. foster participation of all parishioners in the life of the parish; and
4. work with the entire Pastoral Council and its Standing Committees to implement the plans accepted by the pastor.

### **Profile of the Parish Pastoral Council Member**

Parish Pastoral Council members are true to their Catholic faith and they display this faith by living Christian lives. They seek God's will in their lives and manifest the teachings of Jesus Christ through their open and charitable dealings with others. They embrace the diversity of the Catholic Church. Council members are active Catholics who practice their faith at Resurrection Parish and they are open to receiving the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Council members are compassionate, generous of spirit, and committed to promoting the life and good of the whole parish while holding true to the teachings of the Church. They are able to comprehend and to represent the views and needs of others.

Council members possess a broad and long term perspective of the implications that recommendations of the Pastoral Council will have on Resurrection Parish. They actively participate by presenting opinions and are open to discussing and considering alternative points of view. They ensure that both sides of an issue are equally heard.

Members are willing to commit personal time for the purpose of Council meetings, prayerful reflection, planning activities, and parish interaction.

## **Composition of the Parish Pastoral Council**

Parish Pastoral Council is composed of the following:

### **Membership:**

The Pastor  
Twelve Adult Parishioners  
One Youth Representative

### **Officers:**

Chair  
Vice Chair  
Recording Secretary

Appointments can be made by the pastor after appropriate consultation and prayer to ensure that the diversity of the parish community is reflected. Non-appointed members are selected in accordance with the selection procedures described below. All members will serve three-year terms.

## **Selection Process for Council Members**

In defining the process for the Council selected members, the goal is to implement a process that reflects the history of the church, removes politics from the process, invokes the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and encourages parishioners to nominate themselves and others. In seeking guidance from Scripture and in exploring the many options in Church history, the selection process is modeled after the practice of drawing lots, as described in the Acts of the Apostles

*They proposed two; Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed, "You Lord, who knows the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this apostolic ministry from which Judas turned away to go to his own place." Then they gave lots to them and the lot fell upon Matthias, and he was counted upon the eleven apostles. (Acts 1:24-26)*

The first step in the process is to announce that we have five vacancies to fill for the 2012 - 2015 Pastoral Council term. The majority of these five will be chosen by lot. Nominations are currently being accepted for these vacancies and will be accepted until May 1, 2012. A person can submit their own name or that of another, using the nomination form provided. All nominees will be contacted to confirm their commitment to participating on Council. The names of all nominees will be shared with the entire parish. The parish then joins together to pray for these individuals and for the guidance of the Holy Spirit during the process.

Pentecost Sunday (May 27, 2012): Names of all nominees will be placed in a basket and during the General Intercessions the parishioners will ask the Holy Spirit to guide the selection process. The selection process will occur during the 10:00 AM Mass. The pastor will draw names from the basket; the members selected will serve three-year terms.

The entire new Parish Pastoral Council, including those selected by lot and those appointed by the pastor, will be communicated to the entire parish.

The new Parish Pastoral Council for the 2012-2015 term will formally be installed at Mass before the June Pastoral Council Meeting.

# Resurrection Roman Catholic Parish Pastoral Council Nomination Form

*Please read the **Qualifications of a Pastoral Council Candidate** on the reverse before completing this form.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Other Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_

Age Group: \_\_\_\_\_ 18 - 25    \_\_\_\_\_ 26 - 40    \_\_\_\_\_ 41 - 60    \_\_\_\_\_ Over 60

Why are you interested in serving as a member of the Council or why do you feel that the person that you nominated would make a good Pastoral Council member?

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Nominated by (name) \_\_\_\_\_ or Self \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of the One Submitting the Nomination

*You may place this form in the Sunday collection or return it to the Parish Office. Thank you.*

**DEADLINE: Tuesday, May 1, 2012**

*Please read these qualifications carefully before nominating yourself or another parishioner for service on the Pastoral Council.*

## WHAT QUALIFICATIONS SHOULD A PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBER HAVE?

A Pastoral Council member should be **prayerful**.

1. Demonstrates by actions that s/he takes our faith seriously and provides leadership through service.
2. Person of prayer.

A Pastoral Council member should be **pastoral**.

1. Demonstrates by actions that s/he helps to meet the needs of the community.
2. Listens carefully and patiently to others.

A Pastoral Council member should be **representative**.

1. Able to act on the best interests of the whole parish.
2. Is accountable to church teachings, gospel values, and the people who make up the parish.

A Pastoral Council member should be **discerning**.

1. Is comfortable in asking, "Where is God in all of this?"
2. Listens prayerfully to the Holy Spirit when decisions are to be made.

A Pastoral Council member should be **prophetic**.

1. Has a vision of what we, as a people of God, are called to be.
2. Questions how the parish is fulfilling its mission and the building of God's Kingdom on earth.

A Pastoral Council member should be **enabling**

1. Can work comfortably with others to enable them to grow as adult members of faith.
2. Can call others to take part in building the Church.

A Pastoral Council member should be **collaborative**.

1. Promotes harmony and cooperation for the good of the parish and community, putting aside personal preferences or personal agendas, if necessary.
2. Pursues common goals and values that arise out of the gospel.

A Pastoral Council member must be baptized and confirmed, able to receive the Eucharist, an active member of our parish, 18 years of age or older, and a practicing Catholic living in accord with the teachings of the Catholic Church.