

Pastoral Council Seeking New Members

St Matthew Parish uses the discernment method for membership on the Pastoral Council and we are currently seeking three members to serve terms beginning with the 2017 year.

- The St. Mathew Pastoral Council serves as an advisory and consultative group to the Pastor of the parish. Parishioners know that the pastoral council has a special role. It requires people with particular talents.
- The current seated council prayerfully discerns which of the applicants bring the gifts, perspective and commitment that best serves the parish. The council recommends the candidates to the Pastor who then invites the new members to serve. Selecting from among parishioners who have a gift for service requires a spiritual discernment involving dialogue and prayer. We seek members that are gifted to meet the needs of our diverse parish faith community. The council works in a collaborative manner, implementing consensus in decision-making. Our council is made up of 9 members serving a three year term.

Parishioners are asked to submit their names for consideration for service on the Pastoral Council.

GOALS OF THE PASTORAL COUNCIL:

- Proclaiming the Good News of the Gospel
- Building a Community of love.
- Growing closer to God
- Celebrating quality liturgy and worship
- Serving others in Christ's name
- Advocating and living out truth and justice

What are the gifts our community needs at this time?

"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but one spirit. The spirit shines forth in each of us, for the sake and good of us all." 1 Corinthians 12

Gifts of ...

- Experience
- Imaginative vision
- Making things happen
- Analyzing and evaluating
- Harmonizing and encouraging
- Translating ideas into plans
- Bringing the best out of others
- Locating resources
- Attending to detail

Gifts we seek in each and every member:

- The gift of being able to think in terms of the whole parish, and not just a particular aspect or interest
- The gift of time to give (monthly meetings, some extra commitments/projects)
- The gift of teamwork; being able to work well with others, the ability to listen, to be interested in other views and perspectives
- The gift of being open to exploring new ways of doing things; energy and enthusiasm about the future of the parish
- The gift of enjoying meetings as a way of working and interacting - praying, planning, discussing, reviewing, visioning, etc.

We strive to:

- Open our hearts to the meaning of Sacred Scripture
- Acknowledge the inspiration of the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council
- Invite the will of the Holy Spirit

WE INVITE YOU TO OFFER YOUR NAME FOR CONSIDERATION FOR A POSITION ON THE COUNCIL

Kindly complete the information requested on the reverse of this sheet and return to the parish office no later than Nov. 7, 2016.

St. Matthew Pastoral Council Candidate Application

Date: _____

Qualities of a candidate for Pastoral Council:

- Fully initiated Roman Catholic (Has received Baptism, Eucharist & Confirmation) in good standing
- A registered member of the parish who regularly worships and supports the community by sharing time, talent, and financial support
- 18 years or older
- Adequate knowledge about the parish and its goals and tasks
- Desire to serve the Church and grow spiritually
- Desire to bring unity and harmony to the parish
- Acceptance and understanding of Vatican II based theology of the Church
- Good reputation and moral character
- Ability to think in terms of the whole parish
- The gift of time to give to monthly meetings and special projects
- The gift of teamwork; being able to work well with others, to listen, to be interested in the views and perspective of others; sensitivity to our culturally diverse church community
- The gift of being open to exploring new ways of doing things; energy and enthusiasm about the future of the parish

NAME: _____ Length of time in parish: _____

ADDRESS: _____ Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Briefly list past involvement in parish ministries and activities (Describe ministry/activity and length of time you were involved.)

What current ministries are you involved in here at St. Matthew?

Why would you like to serve on the pastoral council? (Describe the gifts you might want to share.)

What does parish membership mean to you?

What are your hopes for our parish family?