



Holy Spirit Catholic Church
2025 Parish Pastoral Council Solicitation for Nomination

- **DEFINITION & ROLE:** The Parish Pastoral Council is an advisory body of parishioners who provide “... invaluable resource to our pastor in providing good pastoral leadership for the overall life of our parish.” The Council will act to facilitate communication among the pastor, parishioners and the Diocese in order to promote the mission of the parish. This facilitation includes helping the pastor to be aware of past traditions and anticipated needs or goals and to help prioritize them.
- **MEMBERSHIP:** The Council is made up of between 8 and 15 voting members. The voting members should represent the diversity of the parish (e.g. multiple age groups and both genders). All members must be:
 - Willing and able to commit to serving on the Council
 - At least 18 years of age
 - Catholic
 - An active member at Holy Spirit
 - Willing to invest in their personal faith formation
 - Free of public scandal or immorality which is in contrast with Catholic teachings
- **MEMBERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES:** In addition to the standards listed above, every member is expected to:
 - Attend all meetings. Missing two meetings in a Council year, without due cause, will result in dismissal from the Council. Notify either Chairperson or Parish manager if unable to attend a meeting
 - Fully participate in meeting discussions observing proper etiquette
 - Exhibit timely responsiveness and follow-through on Council assignments and agreed-upon obligations

Failure to adhere to these responsibilities may result in dismissal from the Council.
- **TERMS:** The usual term for a voting member on Council is three years, but the pastor may extend the term by one year (to make a total of 4 years) in order to maintain continuity on the Council. Once a member completes a term, one year must elapse before that member can serve again. There are no maximum number of terms that any person can serve. The Council year starts on July 1 and ends on June 30 of the following year.
- **MEETINGS:** Ordinarily take place every other month on a Thursday but, typically, not in July or August. There are normally 5 meetings per year. Meetings begin at 6:45 p.m. on the church premises following an agenda which is to be communicated to all members at least two days prior to the meeting.
- **AREAS OF MISSION:** ... special care should be given to address communication in the following missions:
 - Social justice concerns and benevolence (local and global)
 - Faith formation opportunities for parishioners
 - Evangelization initiatives
 - Liturgy
 - Atmosphere for parishioners
 - Welcoming, volunteer opportunities, communication

 Registered parishioners, at least 18 years of age, please complete one nomination form and return in collection basket, or submit your nomination information on line to PARISHCOUNCIL@HSPALMYRA.COM

All nominations due by Sunday, April 6, 2025

Name of Nominee: _____
 Phone # of Nominee: _____
 Email of Nominee: _____
 Your Name: _____
 Your Phone #: _____