

# **The St. John XXIII Parish Pastoral Council**

The Parish Pastoral Council assists the pastor in the development of the mission-focused parish. It attempts to place at the heart of the parish a consciousness and zeal for the mission of Jesus Christ. When there is a clear awareness of this larger vision proposed by the gospels and taught by the Church, a parish finds itself energized by this sense of mission, service, and evangelization.

The Parish Pastoral Council consults with the pastor in his leadership role of planning, organizing, initiating, promoting, coordinating, and reviewing the evangelization, worship, religious education/formation, and service activities within the parish. While the PPC does not have decision making authority, consultation is at the heart of the decision-making process. This involves sharing information, listening, engaging in discussion, and promoting consensus. The PPC acts in an advisory and consultative capacity, always with priority given to the Pastor and the parish.

## **Specifically, the Parish Pastoral Council consults and assists the pastor to**

- Listen and learn of the needs of the whole parish and bring them to the pastor and staff
- Develop and implement a pastoral plan which will promote the mission and common good of the parish under the commissions of Spiritual Life, Parish Life, Education and Faith Formation, and Human Concerns
- Foster unity and a sense of community in the parish
- Articulate and advocate for programs that deepen the faith of the community of believers; serve the poor and those in need and to minister to each other in the spirit of love and compassion

## **Parish Pastoral Council Member Qualifications**

### **LEADERSHIP**

- Understands the broad needs of the parish and is able to advise the pastor on hard decisions
- Present oneself in a positive and professional manner to pastor and parishioners
- Strong communication skills for advocating, promoting, or informing the parish

### **MISSION ORIENTED**

- Demonstrates commitment to the mission of St. John XXIII Parish, always recognizing the need to always support the ministry of Jesus Christ in parish life

### **DIVERSITY**

- Represents the diversity of the whole parish community and advises on the behalf of all groups

### **PLANNING AND ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

- Envisions future opportunities for parish growth and evangelization

## **How to Nominate a Candidate for Parish Pastoral Council**

The new PPC will be made up of 9-11 individuals.

If you wish to nominate yourself for the PPC, send a letter or email to Fr. Jean Philippe at [kklokpo@archchicago.org](mailto:kklokpo@archchicago.org) and a copy to Shelley Benson at [shelleybenson5@gmail.com](mailto:shelleybenson5@gmail.com). The letter should not exceed one page in length.

If you wish to recommend another parishioner for PPC, please nominate them by sending an email to Fr Jean Philippe and Shelley Benson. The deadline for submitting nominations is **Monday March 27** and new council members will be announced on March 31, 2023.