



At the heart of our community. It's your turn!

St. Joseph's Parish Pastoral Council

Thinking about serving on Parish Pastoral Council? Have questions? Find your answers here!

What is Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) and what does it do?

The St. Joseph's Parish Pastoral Council, in collaboration with the Pastor and Executive Director, is a decision-making body that:

- sustains the Oblate charism of welcome and solidarity with the poor
- reviews and renews the governance structure of the parish
- ensures sound stewardship of the resources of the parish
- sets a vision with the parish community that ensures and nourishes the vitality of its members
- fosters participation and engagement of all parishioners
- communicates regularly with parishioners on matters of parish life

Who are the members of PPC?*

PPC is comprised of 14 members:

- Ex officio (with voting rights): Parish Priest, Parish Treasurer (2)
- the chair of the council (1)
- one representatives from each ministry cluster (4)
- five members at large (5)
- one representative of the University Mass (1)
- The Parish Executive Director (1) Note: the ED attends PPC meetings without voting rights

**Where possible, the Parish seeks to include representatives from groups not traditionally having a voice in PPC discussions. The goal is to have members of council selected in such a way as to both reflect the entire population of the Parish, mirroring social and professional diversity in the parish, and also to acknowledge the work in ministries by many parish volunteers.*

What is expected of PPC members?

PPC members are expected to come committed and ready to carry out PPC's mission and goals as stated above. This means being ready to risk sharing their personal convictions and faith experience while maintaining an openness to God's movement in the parish community. As people of faith, we firmly believe that when we come together in God's name, God speaks to and through each of us. Therefore, it is important that PPC members be people of faith who value personal and communal prayer and who are open to discovering how God is speaking through them. Each member needs to be committed to active and continuous dialogue and engagement with the parish community. It is through regular communication to parishioners and careful listening to the needs, concerns and desires of parishioners, that PPC can make decisions that are life-giving and life-sustaining to community.

Specific expectations of PPC members are that they:

- attend PPC meetings
- read all documentation sent by the PPC Chair or Secretary in advance of meetings and come prepared to discuss and make decisions on agenda items
- act as consultants putting into place structures that ensure maximum participation of community members in decisions taken in the community
- represent their Ministry Cluster and/or overall community
- be accessible to parishioners and ministry volunteers in person, via email or other contact mechanisms
- make announcements, as needed, at Sunday Mass on behalf of PPC

All PPC members are asked to complete and sign the PPC Member Terms of Engagement, including an agreement of confidentiality



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Are PPC members paid for their participation on council?

PPC members serve on a voluntary basis without charge to the parish. Expenses that members incur as part of their service are reimbursed according to parish policies.

How often does PPC meet?

PPC meets regularly once a month on a weekday evening. Meetings are normally scheduled for two hours, but may run longer on occasion depending on the business carried out at the meetings. There may also be additional meetings called to address urgent matters.

How long is the term of service?

The normal term of service on PPC is two years. Terms can be renewed up to two times. Any member who has served for a period of six consecutive years must step down for a minimum of one year before being able to seek nomination for additional terms.

Who can allow their name to stand for election to PPC?

You are eligible if you are a Catholic member of St. Joe's who has reached the age of majority (18) and who regularly attends Mass at St. Joe's.

Ready to take your turn?

Excellent! Please complete and submit a nomination form no later than end of day June 18th, 2017. Forms are available on the parish website (<http://www.st-josephs.ca/parish-pastoral-council-nominations-june-2017/>) You can also request a hard copy of the form at the Welcome Desk or at the Parish Office.

Still have questions?

You can get more information by:

- contacting a member of the nominating committee
 - Raphael Amato- raphael.amato@sympatico.ca
 - Kathy Crowe - crowne@sympatico.ca
 - Norah McMahon - norah.mcmahon@rogers.com
- Talking to a current member of PPC
- Visiting St. Joe's website (<http://www.st-josephs.ca/parish-pastoral-council-nominations-june-2017/>)