

SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA PASTORAL COUNCIL- Membership Guidelines

Purpose:

Members of the Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Pastoral Council will work collaboratively with the Pastor and other council members:

- Actively advocate our mission and vision.
- To provide recommendations for parish priorities, directions and policies through Pastoral planning for worship, evangelization, outreach, stewardship, etc.
- To promote communication, understanding, and collaboration among parish organizations and between the parish, the Bishop, the diocese and the universal Church.

Qualifications:

- Be fully initiated Roman Catholics in good standing with the Church
- Be registered and supporting members of the parish
- Be participants in parish life and worship
- Be committed to prayer, study, listening and dialogue
- Be committed to giving the time needed for participation
- Be aware of and comply with the Parish Conflict of Interest Policy
- A desire for spiritual growth in oneself and in the parish
- Eagerness to participate in parish decisions about its direction
- Willingness to listen, speak openly and honestly, and to work toward consensus
- Integrity in articulating what one has heard and what one believes
- A willingness to cooperate, while maintaining flexibility and openness with people and ideas

Commitment:

- Attend the monthly pastoral council meetings; held on Tuesday evenings, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- Work with others in a process which will include: following the parish mission and vision, implementing the goals of the strategic plan, assist the Pastor in making decisions regarding liturgical, evangelical and financial concerns that impact the parish
- Attend pastoral council sub-committee meetings, as applicable.

Length of Commitment:

Terms of office will be three years (renewable once).

Abilities Needed:

- Desire to help organize an effective pastoral response to the needs of Saint Kateri parish.
- Willingness and ability to inquire and listen to the needs of parishioners.
- Ability to work in collaboration with others.
- Imagination, creativity and prayerfulness.
- Council seeks a diverse background from its members. We hope to include members that have a variety of practical experience in fields such as: banking/finance, law/legislative, marketing, writing/communication, building / engineering, education, liturgical, married / single, young or seasoned professional, etc.

Benefits:

Members of the Saint Kateri Parish Council will have the satisfaction of organizing a comprehensive faith filled community that will help secure the personal and spiritual development of children, youth and adults for the good of the Church and the world. In doing so, the members will experience their giftedness as individuals and as team in fostering the work of God in the lives of children, youth, and adults in the Saint Kateri parish community.