



## Application for SS Peter and Paul Parish Pastoral Council

Dear fellow Parishioner,

Thanks for your interest in the Pastoral Council. Below you will find information on what the council does, why would you want to serve in it, what commitment is expected of its members, and how to apply to become a member.

Sincerely in Christ,  
The Pastoral Council

### **What the Council does**

- *Serves as an advisory group to the Pastor*
- *Discusses the pastoral needs of the Parish*
- *Enhances the process of developing pastoral programs and evaluating their effectiveness*
- *Accomplishes this through Prayer, Listening and Dialogue*
- *Is presided by the Pastor*
- *Is not a decision making body, but rather provides recommendations to the Pastor*

### **Why would you want to serve**

- *If you want to work directly with our Pastor, learn about his pastoral priorities, and assist in addressing them*
- *If you have identified pastoral needs in our parish and want to work addressing those needs*

### **Composition**

- *Nine (9) Members, elected from the Congregation at Large*
- *One (1) Representative from the Youth Group*
- *Our Pastor, Father Stanley*
- *Council member names are listed in the Parish Council page of the parish's website*

### **Member Commitment**

- *Period of Service - three (3) years, with monthly 2 hr meetings ten (10) months of the year (no meetings during July or August)*
- *Meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month, starting at 7PM*
- *Member Rotation - three (3) new members rotate into the council every year, with three (3) current members rotating out*

#### **New Member Selection Process**

- *October: Bulletin and pulpit announcements are made , requesting that the congregation nominate candidates*
- *October – Early December: candidates fill out and submit a brief application – it asks about their involvement in the parish and why are they interested in serving in the council. **Deadline for submitting applications is the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> week in December.***
- *December Council Meeting: all the applications are prayerfully reviewed by the current council members. Council discusses the merits of each one of the candidates and selects three (3) new members and one (1) alternate.*
- *December: All the candidates are notified of the selection results*
- *January: the three new members are installed into the council during the January council meeting and start serving their terms. The terms of the three outgoing members conclude.*

## Pastoral Council Application Form

### Instructions:

To fill form, click on blank and start typing. Fill this application as completely as possible. The more information you provide, the better the council will be able to understand the gifts that you have to offer. Once completed, email the application to Jaime López, the council chairperson, at [jhl1@att.net](mailto:jhl1@att.net). You can also contact him at the same address with any questions you may have about the application process or this form.

Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

How long have you been a member of the SS Peter and Paul Parish?

Which parish ministries have you been involved in and for how long?

What aspect of our parish's life do you care about the most?

What made you become interested in the Pastoral Council?

What is your understanding of the role of a pastoral council member?

What strengths do you possess that can help the pastoral council better serve our parish community?

Which other parish ministries do you have an interest in?

What other community involvement do you have, outside of the parish?