



# JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

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# PRAYER AND REFLECTION



# AGENDA

- Prayer
- Chair's Welcome & Introductions
- Joint Parish Council Overview
  - Purpose
  - Norms of Collaboration
  - Collaboration & Synodality
  - Observations
- Moving Forward!
  - Faith Formation & Youth Ministry Vision
  - Joint Worship Team
  - Parish Phase of Eucharistic Revival
- Open Forum
- Closing Blessing



# COUNCIL PURPOSE

- Because it is a community of the Christian faithful, it is essential that the parish structures serve the community in carrying out the mission of the Church: to proclaim the Gospel, to form community, to worship, and to serve especially those in need.

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- The Pastoral Council is a consultative body to the pastor. In an arrangement of parishes such as a cluster, it is permitted to operate with a joint pastoral council with at least some members of each parish represented.

[DOR.org/Pastoral-Council-Guidelines](https://DOR.org/Pastoral-Council-Guidelines)

# COUNCIL PURPOSE

The specific purposes of the Pastoral Council are:

1. To develop a common vision and purpose, actively advocate for the poor and the powerless, and to extend Christian commitment to the surrounding neighborhoods and communities;
2. To orchestrate a statement of mission for the parish community and become the reference point for activity in the parish;

## COUNCIL PURPOSE

3. To provide recommendations for parish priorities, directions and policies through pastoral planning for worship, evangelization, outreach, stewardship, etc.;
4. To promote communication, understanding, and collaboration among parish organizations and between the parish, the bishop, the diocese and the universal Church.



# QUESTIONS

ABOUT THE PURPOSE OF THE COUNCIL?



# 7 Norms of Collaboration

## 1. Promoting a spirit of inquiry

"I would like to know more about your idea/ position." "Tell me more about..."  
(Seek first to understand before advocating for your own idea.)

## 2. Pausing . . .

"I am waiting a minute to allow time to think first."  
(Pausing before responding and/or asking a question allows for think time for yourself and others.)

## 3. Paraphrasing

"So..." "As you are..." "You're thinking..." "You're wondering..." "The intention seems to be..."  
(Efficient paraphrases help all members hear and understand the ideas being presented.)

## 4. Probing for specificity

"Please say more..." "I'm curious about..." "I'd like to hear more about..."  
"Then, you are saying..." "Do you mean everyone?" "Specifically what..."  
(Asking questions to increase clarity and understanding as well as the precision of the group's thinking.)

## 5. Putting ideas on the table

Label the intention of your comments: "Here is one idea..." "One thought I have is..." "Here is a possible approach..." "Here is one idea..." "Another consideration might be..."

## 6. Paying attention to self & others

How am I reacting to what is being said? How am I feeling? How are others reacting to what I am saying?  
Have I used possible charged language unintentionally?  
(Watch for body language and check perceptions by paraphrasing and probing for specificity.)

## 7. Presuming positive intentions

"I know we are trying to learn more about all angles so let me share..." "Knowing that we would like to make a decision that works for all of us, let's..."  
(Thinking in your head thoughts like: "I am sure she didn't mean to sound charged when she said that.")



# QUESTIONS, IDEAS

ABOUT ESTABLISHING NORMS FOR COLLABORATION



# COLLABORATION & SYNODALITY



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# SISTER PARISH OBSERVATIONS

*Welcome, Fr. Mike!*





# QUESTIONS

FOR FR. JIM OR FR. MIKE?



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*Moving*  
**FORWARD**  
**TOGETHER!**

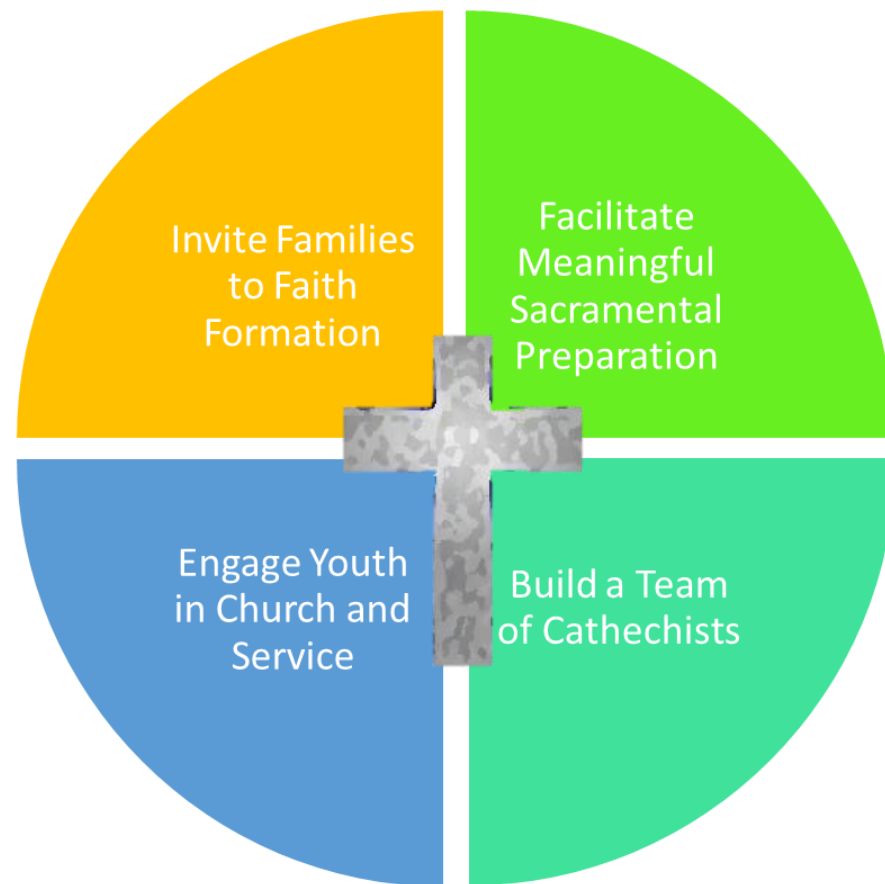


# FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

*Welcome Lisa Milano!*



# HOLY SPIRIT-ST. JOSEPH FAITH FORMATION FRAMEWORK



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## OUR VISION: BUILD THE BODY OF CHRIST

### OUR MISSION:

WE SEEK TO BUILD THE BODY OF CHRIST BY INVITING ALL FAMILIES TO *EMBRACE* FAITH FORMATION, AND TO *ENGAGE* IN SERVICE TO OTHERS. WE STRIVE TO *ESTABLISH* A WORSHIP COMMUNITY TO SHARE GOD'S WORD WITH THE WORLD.

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# JOINT WORSHIP TEAM

Sept 19 – SJC • Jan 16 – HS • Apr 23 – at SJC • June 18 – HS  
2pm – 3:30pm

SJC Bill Crandall

SJC Kathy Best

SJC Barbara Bruce

HS Michael Lynch

HS Colleen Spellecy

Deacon Roger DeBell

Deacon Ray Garbach

Gabriel Pellegrino

Susan Gividen

Nancy Veronesi, facilitator



Synod  
2021  
2023

For a synodal Church  
communion | participation | mission

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| Hospitality  | Building community |
| Re-imagining | Return to ministry |
| Liturgy      | Young People       |



REINVIGORATED  
WORSHIP

*'Ars Celebrandi'*  
Understanding of the Liturgy  
Proper Preparation  
"Encourage Sense of Community . . .  
Especially in the Common Celebration of  
the Mass' (SC42)



Joint  
Worship  
Team

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| Catechesis | Prepare   |
| Empower    | Celebrate |
| Leadership | Evaluate  |

"THE LITURGY IS THE SUMMIT TOWARD WHICH THE ACTIVITY OF THE CHURCH IS DIRECTED; AT THE SAME TIME IT IS THE FONT FROM WHICH ALL HER POWER FLOWS." (S.C. 10)

OUR GOAL IS TO ASSIST IN LEADING ALL AGES TO *'THAT FULLY CONSCIOUS AND ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS.'* (SC 14)

BY RECOGNIZING THE GIFTEDNESS AND HOLINESS OF EACH PERSON, WE STRIVE TO SEE THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST IN ALL WE DO.



NATIONAL

# Eucharistic Revival

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PARISH PHASE

JUNE 2023 - JUNE 2024

“Let us be daring.

Let us all rethink the style  
of our parochial communities.

We pray that parishes,  
placing communion at the center,  
may increasingly become  
communities of faith, fraternity  
and welcome towards  
those most in need.”

*Pope Francis, Prayer Intention for February 2023*

## The four pillars of the National Eucharistic Revival



- Personal Encounters: Bring your people to Jesus.
- Reinvigorating Devotion: Receive Jesus. Worship Jesus.
- Deepening Formation: Learn and preach the truth about Jesus.
- Missionary Sending: Go out and bring Jesus to the world.

All the initiatives are focused on reaching those who have some connection to the Church but have not yet encountered Christ in the Eucharist. An encounter with Jesus, our Eucharistic Lord, is powerful because it changes us. It gives us our very character.



# YOUR SUGGESTIONS!

HOW CAN WE CONTINUE THE MOMENTUM OF JOINT PARTICIPATION?





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**October 10, 2023 at HS Parish Hall**

**November 14, 2023 at SJ**

**January 9, 2024 at HS**

**February 13, 2024 at SJ**

**April 9, 2024 at HS**

**May 14, 2024 at SJ**

**June 11, 2024 at HS**

**2023-2024 MEETING SCHEDULE**