St. Ignatius of Antioch Church Pastoral Council

Purpose

- The Council is to facilitate the growth and engagement of our Parish family by bringing to the Pastor the wisdom of the community promoting Pastoral planning, fostering Pastoral activity, and working together to develop and realize the vision of Jesus Christ.

Character

- The Council is a representative and advisory body mandated by the Code of Canon Law. As such, it should reasonably reflect the ethnic and cultural composition of the Parish.
- The Council shall be a conduit between the Pastor and the greater Parish community, actively promoting open two-way communication.
- Council members should be conspicuous to the community, and invite suggestions, recommendations, and a dialogue on Parish activities.

Composition

- The Council shall be composed of the Pastor, plus twelve registered and actively participating members of the Parish who are fully initiated and in good standing.

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Leadership

- The Pastor shall preside over the council, supported by three Officers selected by Council discernment and consensus.
  - Chair
  - Vice Chair
  - Secretary

Period of Service

- Each Council member shall serve a period of three years, and may renew for an additional three years at the pleasure of the Council.
- The terms shall be staggered such that four positions on the Council become due for renewal each year.

Method of Selection

- In the first quarter of each year, the Council shall announce the impending selection of new members, and shall invite interested Parishioners to put forth their names.
- Any fully initiated member of the Parish in good standing may ask to be considered for a seat on the Council.
- The Council shall invite the volunteers to attend three consecutive meetings. At the end of this period, the Council shall select the new members through discernment and consensus from among those still interested in serving on the Pastoral Council

Current Pastoral Council Focus

- **Getting parishioners back to church, inside or outside, post pandemic.**
- **Strategic Planning for the future of St. Ignatius of Antioch Church.**

Other Parish Activities

- Along with regular meetings, the Pastoral Council participates in the following events, as well as other activities requested by the Pastor:
  - Welcoming Brunch for New Parishioners
  - Annual Ministry Fair
  - Winters Nights Dinner
  - Annual Parish Festival

Openings on the Pastoral Council

- The Pastoral Council is currently looking to fill vacancies. If interested you may contact:
  - **Will Avitabile, PC Chair**
    - **wavitabile@aol.com**