

Resurrection Parish Pastoral Council

For many years, Resurrection Parish has been blessed with a dedicated group of parishioners who serve on our Pastoral Council. The Pastoral Council encompasses members of both St. John Capistran and St. Thomas More Churches and works to create a vision for the parish and assess the needs and opportunities that are present in our community.

What is a Parish Pastoral Council?

Under the guidance and direction of the pastor, parish pastoral councils serve at the heart of the parish in coming to know God's will for the parish. Council members reflect on the parish's mission and plan ways to initiate or strengthen whatever is needed to fulfill that mission. The council examines every aspect of the parish's pastoral ministry: worship and spirituality; catechesis and formation of adults, teens and children; evangelization and outreach; and stewardship and service in charity and justice.

Parish pastoral councils strive to discern the movement of the Holy Spirit among God's people in the parish by investigating pastoral activities affecting the lives of parishioners and by formulating, on behalf of the parish, practical conclusions regarding those activities.

What are the qualities of a Pastoral Council Member?

Pastoral Council Members are:

- Women and men of different ages and backgrounds with prayerful faith, motivated by the desire to grow in faith themselves, and see similar spiritual growth in the parish
- Optimistic and enthusiastic about the future of the parish
- Desirous of working within a model of shared leadership; one rooted in collaboration and consensus
- Eager about facilitating parish efforts to identify mission and goals
- Capable of careful listening the needs and ideas of others, articulating their own ideas, and of practicing the art of consensus building
- Willing to invite, delegate, and encourage parishioners to bring the pastoral plan into fruition.

What is the time commitment?

Pastoral Council meets monthly, other than the summer months. The members of the council serve for a three-year term, which can be renewed at the discretion of the member and the pastor.

If I am interested in serving as a Pastoral Council Member what should I do?

Please write a short letter (no more than 1-2 pages) to Fr. Michael Ackerman and describe why you are interested in serving on council, and what gifts, talents, and qualities you have to help strengthen the council. Please send the Letter by May 14, 2023.

Next Steps:

Fr. Mike and the Council will review the letters and will prayerfully discern who will be asked to join the Council. Those who are interested may be invited to a meeting to briefly introduce yourself and voice your hopes and insights for Pastoral Council. Not all who are interested may be chosen, but your willingness to serve Resurrection Parish is greatly appreciated and very much needed.