

Pastoral Council Nominations Now Open

Fellow Parishioners,

According to church law and sound organizational management, the Pastoral Council is periodically obligated to allow members to rotate off and recruit new members. **From now until Thursday, April 18, we are open for nominations to the Pastoral Council.** Members of the Pastoral Council are asked to serve for a minimum of two years, attend monthly meetings, and participant in committees as needed.

Our bylaws state that “The Pastoral Council is a consultative body to the Pastor, composed of members of the congregation and presided by the Pastor. The Pastoral Council strives to discern the movement of the Holy Spirit among God’s people in the parish. The purpose of the Pastoral Council is to enhance the process of pastoral planning by assisting the Pastor in his ministering to the OLA community. The Pastoral Council develops pastoral programs, improves pastoral services, and evaluates the pastoral effectiveness of various programs and services.”

“The role of the Pastoral Council is to:

- Define, understand and coordinate the activities by which Our Lady of the Assumption conducts its responsibility to live and promote Gospel values.
- Plan future activities by establishing priorities and objectives that assure continued promotion of Gospel values.
- Seek and engage the talents, skills, and values of all parishioners in carrying out Gospel values for the parish and greater community.
- Serve as a structure for dialogue among our parishioners, our community and our diocese.
- To provide a continuing assessment of the activities of the parish in promoting Gospel values.

Parishioners are invited to submit nominations (including your own if desired) in writing to Juan Yñiguez or Leo Winternitz, or at the parish office by Thursday, April 18. Please submit the name, phone number, and e-mail address of your nominee, a short statement of interest, and a list of activities/ministries the nominee has participated in while an OLA parishioner. A Nominations Committee of Pastoral Council members will review the nominations and make recommendations – according to the needs of the parish – to the Pastoral Council and Father Eduino. At the June 17 meeting, the full Pastoral Council will review the recommendations, and make final recommendations to the Nominations Committee and Father Eduino. Soon thereafter, Father Eduino will contact all applicants. New members will start their two-year term at the July 15 Pastoral Council meeting.

We urge all parishioners to prayerfully consider submitting nominations. Our parish is in the midst of many exciting and fruitful activities, among them, the campaign for a new multi-purpose hall and implementation of our Vibrant Parish Pastoral Plan. Continued strong leadership will help us realize our dreams and vision.

In Christ,

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