



ST. HUBERT  
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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### Parish Mission:

The St. Hubert Catholic Community *Mission* is: To form missionary disciples who know, love and imitate Jesus Christ.

### Summary of Purpose, Roles & Responsibilities

<b>What is a Parish Pastoral Council?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>CONSULTATIVE BODY:</b> The Parish Pastoral Council is a consultative body composed of representatives of the entire parish community.</li> <li>• <b>CONSULTATIVE VOTE:</b> A Pastoral Council possesses a consultative vote only and is governed by the norms established by the diocesan Bishop.</li> </ul>
<b>What does the Pastoral Council do for the Parish?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>STRATEGIC NAVIGATION:</b> The Parish Pastoral Council participates in the responsibility for pastoral ministry of the Parish, to help the Parish strategically navigate forward and create a vision for the future.</li> <li>• <b>RESEARCH NEEDS:</b> The Council should research the needs, ideas, hopes, life, and activity of the people of God, so that the whole Parish community can effectively carry out the mission of the Parish and fully participate in the ongoing conversion that is central to its life.</li> <li>• <b>PARISHIONER SPIRITUAL JOURNEY:</b> The Council should constantly evaluate the Parish in its conformity to the Gospel, and how to best help all members of the Parish fully live out the Catholic Sacramental Life.</li> </ul>
<b>How does the Pastoral Council interface with the Pastor?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>OFFER COUNSEL:</b> The Parish Pastoral Council assists the Pastor and Trustees in accomplishing the Parish goals by offering counsel to them on pastoral vision and ministry.</li> <li>• <b>ASSIST DECISION-MAKING:</b> In this sense, the Parish Pastoral Council shares in the decision-making process which assists the Pastor and Trustees in carrying out their leadership roles within the Parish.</li> </ul>
<b>What are my responsibilities as a Pastoral Council member?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>PURSUE COMMON GOOD:</b> The consultative responsibility of the Parish Pastoral Council and its members is rooted in the obligation of all the baptized to pursue the common good of the Church. In this way, Council members should prayerfully discern the needs of the Church and the Parish, and place those needs at the forefront of their contribution and counsel as Council members.</li> <li>• <b>HOLY-SPIRIT LED:</b> Be open and present to the movement of the Holy Spirit, and the emerging consensus flowing from the combined gifts and multiple experiences of the people of God.</li> </ul>
<b>What are the key expectations of a Pastoral Council member?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>MEETING ATTENDANCE:</b> Make your role as a Council member a priority, and attend all meetings if possible, and keep what is discussed confidential where appropriate/requested.</li> <li>• <b>BE PRESENT:</b> Offer your gifts, talents, and perspectives at the service of the Parish.</li> <li>• <b>BE ENGAGED:</b> Be a visible role model of effective listening as an engaged vessel to offer your God-given gifts, charisms, and treasure for the good of the Church.</li> <li>• <b>FORGE UNITY:</b> Be a beacon of light for the entire Parish staff and congregation through consistently demonstrated mutual respect, love, and self-giving in all of your interactions, seeking unity and Christ-likeness in all you do.</li> <li>• <b>OTHERS-FOCUSED:</b> Have no personal “agendas”, but seek the common good with fellow Council members through constructive engagement, prayerful discernment, and collegiality.</li> </ul>
<b>What can the Council expect from the Pastor?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>TO BE HEARD:</b> The Pastor will attend Pastoral Council meetings and truly listen to the voice of the Council.</li> <li>• <b>INPUT VALUED:</b> The Pastor will strongly consider the counsel and advice given by the Council, and meaningfully factor this input into the Pastor’s decision-making on important parish matters.</li> <li>• <b>A PARTNER:</b> The Pastor will work closely with the Council Chair and members to create a Council culture of collaboration, trust, and partnership in discerning the will of God and the movement of the Holy Spirit.</li> </ul>