

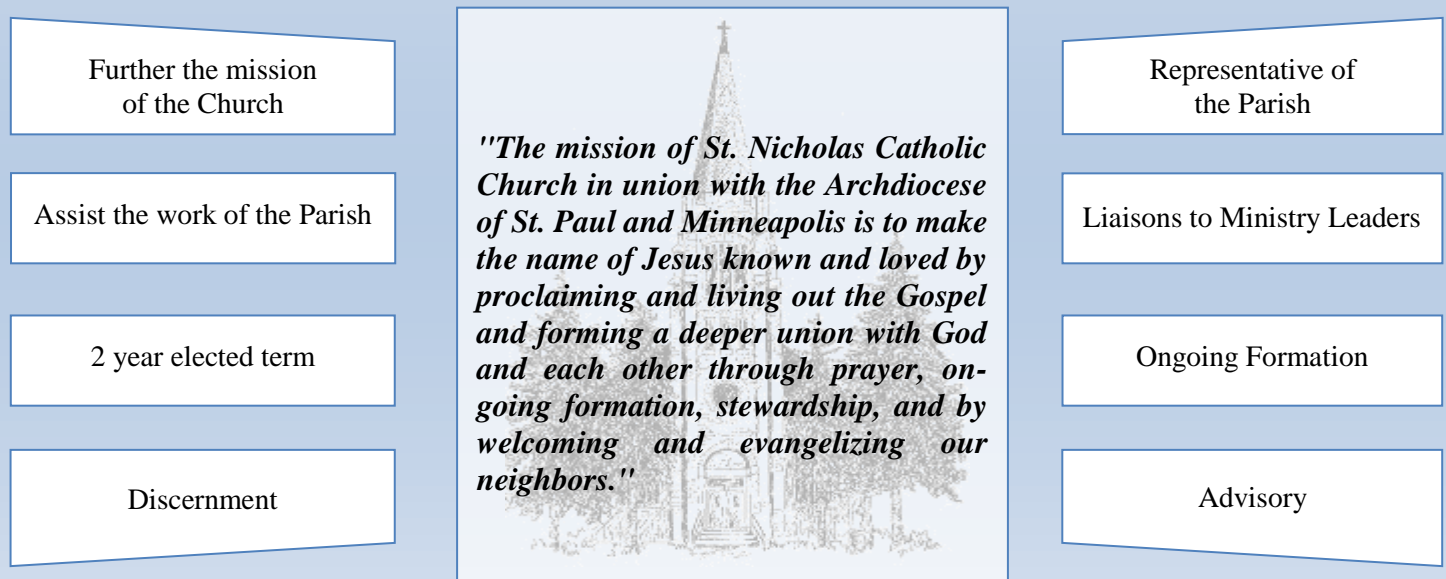
Parish Pastoral Council

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) exists in the pastoral responsibility for the life and mission of the Church. It shares in the responsibility for the pastoral care of the Parish in collaboration with the Pastor and staff. While its members may be actively engaged in various ministries of the Parish, as a council it is a consultative body, which makes recommendation to the Pastor regarding the life and mission of the Parish community.

With the Pastor and staff, the Parish Pastoral Council has a special obligation in the task of pastoral planning. It sets direction for the Parish by focusing on the Parish's mission statement and organizing a plan to carry out that mission. It plans, monitors progress, analyses and prioritizes needs and develops goals related to meeting those needs. The PPC may also establish committees to implement these goals.

Parish Pastoral Council elections are held in June of each year. Each council member serves a two-year term of office, which can be followed by a second two-year term if re-elected. Every May, parishioners will nominate those they believe would be qualified candidates for Parish Pastoral Council. Those candidates who accept the nomination will run in the Parish wide election in June.

Meetings are held monthly and are open to all parishioners of St. Nicholas Catholic Church.



Archdiocese Guidelines

- The formation of Parish Pastoral Councils should always include prayerful reflection.
- The role of the Parish Pastoral Council is essentially Pastoral.
- Parish Pastoral Councils are consultative in nature.
- Membership of the Parish Pastoral Council is to be truly representative of the Parish.
- The Pastor is to preside over the council.
- The Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Council are independent.
- The constitution of the Parish Pastoral Council should include only those officers needed for the efficient functioning of the council.
- The Parish Pastoral Council should establish those committees or commissions which will directly assist in the work of the Parish.
- The constitution is the document which governs the operation of the Parish Pastoral Council.

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