

"He shepherded them with a pure heart; with skilled hands he guided them." Psalms 78:72



ST. PHILIP PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Parish Pastoral Council participates in the responsibility for pastoral ministry and assists in the administration of the parish under the authority and leadership of Father Bala. Made up of lay parishioners, it researches the needs, the ideas, the hopes, the life and activity of the people of God, so the whole parish community of St. Philip can carry out the mission of the parish. Primary duties of the council members include sharing in the decision making and planning processes of the parish and assuming responsibility in the implementation of decisions made. The council also serves as the coordinating body for all organizations and ministry activities within the parish.

Each year, as terms for some of the current council members end, new representatives are nominated by members of the parish or self-nominated to serve a 2-3 year term. Nominated individuals are invited to participate in a discernment process to assist in determining whether they are being called to serve by the Holy Spirit. The discernment process, in an atmosphere of prayer, with the guidance of facilitators, provides an orientation to the Parish Pastoral Council allowing candidates time to reflect on the call to serve. During the final discernment, nominees will discern among themselves and ultimately select the new members to serve on the council.

~adapted from The Diocese of Nashville [Parish Pastoral Council Handbook](#)

Nominations

Who can serve?

The Diocese of Nashville [Parish Pastoral Council Handbook](#) tells us . . . *"The Parish Pastoral Council members should have a degree of competency in the skills demanded in a collaborative ministry and an openness to discern and reflect the diversity of the parish community."*

Members should:

- *be baptized Catholics in good standing with the Church.*
- *support and enable parish life.*
- *be willing to participate in ongoing formation.*

Councilors bring three qualities to the ministry:

- *commitment to prayer, gospel values and growth in personal holiness.*
- *knowledge of the mission of Jesus, the Church and the parish ministries and people.*
- *skills in group process, communication and collaboration."*

Nominees will be contacted and asked if they are interested in serving the parish in this important ministry.

Any member of the parish may nominate any fellow parishioner, OR if you feel called to serve, self nominations are encouraged.

Questions to consider in the nomination process for Parish Pastoral Council members:

- Do you or someone you know have the charisms (spiritual gifts) which would make a good Parish Pastoral Council member?
- Do you have a call to serve the parish?
- Do you know someone who has skills that will benefit the parish?

Nominations are being accepted during October.

- Complete the nomination form below and drop into the Sunday Collection.
- Contact Council members
Monica Garvey: (615) 613-6388 or
Paola Motto: (813) 316-3087.
- Email to ParishCouncil@StPhilipFranklin.com.

Discernment

Information Sessions

6:30pm Wednesday, October 10
or
9:30am Saturday, October 13

Final Discernment

8:00am Sunday, November 11



ST. PHILIP CATHOLIC CHURCH PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM

With prayerful consideration, I would like to nominate:

_____ (first & last name),

Phone and/or Email: _____

a member of St. Philip Catholic Church, to be part of the Discernment Process to select new members for our Parish Pastoral Council.