

St. Anthony of Padua – Pastoral Council Role Summary

The purpose of the Parish Pastoral Council is to exercise shared responsibility for the pastoral life of the parish under the authority and leadership of the Pastor. In this context the purpose of the Council is to prayerfully engage the people and the Pastor in common reflection about the parish's mission and ministry. The Council has for basic responsibilities:

1. To research the needs, the ideas and the hopes of the faith community.
2. Lead a process for identifying the parish mission.
3. To plan for the parish's future by recommending procedures and programs that will fulfill the church's mission and set long-term goals.
4. To advise the pastor.

Expectations of Pastoral Council Members

Qualities:

- Prayerful for the team and the parish and endeavor to serve as Christ would
- Endeavor to listen and love, helping break down the walls that stand between Christ and the parishioners
- Able to develop a keen sense of understanding where the church is today
- Understands or is willing to learn about the Mission of the Church and the Diocese
- Enthusiastic about the future of this parish
- Willing and able to make the commitment (time and talent) to this ministry

Responsibilities:

- Be an active participant; time commitments include monthly meetings and some between meeting action
- Be the representative of the whole church community through networking and sensing
- Become familiar with Parish Ministries and be willing to support them under the guidance of the Pastor
- Provide counsel and consultation to the pastor on current and future pastoral issues
- Provide consultation and support to the parish staff as needed or requested. Develop working relationships with staff leadership.
- Develop working relationships with other PPC members
- Participate in the recruitment and discernment of new Council members

Administrative:

- Serve a 3 year term
- Be in full communion with the Catholic Church
- Be registered in the parish
- Complete or be up to date with Safe Environment Training

Parish Mission Statement:

We, the people of St. Anthony of Padua, are a joyful Roman Catholic Community. We believe Our Lord calls us beyond membership to become His true disciples and live as One Body in Christ. Therefore, we choose to use our unique gifts to build a welcoming, interconnected gathering of the faithful that will be a beacon, a light to the world.

Current Pastoral Plan:

Actions related to the Parish Objective that everyone who encounters our parish will feel they BELONG HERE, BELIEVE IN JESUS and have the ability to BLESS OTHERS.

BELONG HERE: This parish is called to be a home where every person is known by name and is loved.

BELIEVE IN JESUS: Our goal is that our parishioners will be disciples who know and love God and are known and loved by Him.

BLESS OTHERS: Jesus commands His disciples to know and love one another as He loved. As a parish we are called to pour out our gifts for our community and the world.