



CHRIST THE KING CHURCH
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are now seeking nominations to fill the six upcoming vacancies on the Pastoral Council. Pastoral Council members are key coworkers with the Pastor in ensuring the spiritual well-being of the parish. Some objectives of the Council include serving the Pastor by helping to discern the needs of the parish, to set goals and priorities in meeting the needs of the parish family, and to discover talents in the parish and encourage active participation in the life of our church.

Good candidates include leaders as well as doers. Leadership ability is a plus, but not a requirement to be on the Council. A willingness to work and communicate with the Pastor and other members of the Council and with parishioners is essential. Candidates should also have general familiarity with the mission and ministries of the Catholic Church, but do not need to be biblical/canonical scholars; a willingness to learn is vital. Candidates must, however, be at least 16 years of age on the date of the election and have expressed a commitment to the church through reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation. Attendance at monthly meetings is critical to the success of the council, and nominees must be willing to make every effort to attend meetings as scheduled.

Responsibilities: Pastoral Council members' responsibilities can be summarized with the acronym CARE:

Communicate: Pastoral Council members are called to be (individually and collectively) a conduit of effective bi-directional communication between the pastor and the congregation.

Advise: Pastoral Council members are called to advise the pastor in effectively ministering to the needs of the parish and fulfilling the mission of the Church within the parish boundaries. Final authority rests with the pastor (and ultimately the bishop), but council members should be able to provide "local knowledge" and continuity of relationship with parish members and the broader community.

Respond: As issues and ministry needs arise within the parish, council members are called to assist the pastor in effectively responding in a timely manner.

Equip: Parish Council members should assist the pastor in equipping the people to do good works and carry out the mission of Christ the King. As parish leaders, Pastoral Council members should be intentional disciples, modeling a sincere commitment to live as followers of Jesus Christ.

If you or someone you know is interested in joining this essential ministry, please complete the nomination form and either email it to ctkoldlyme@aol.com or submit it at the parish office **by July 13th, 2025.**

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Joe

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