



PASTORAL COUNCIL BY-LAWS

Name

Article 1: The name of this organization shall be the Pastoral Council of Church of the Resurrection.

Purpose

Article 2: The purpose of this organization is to provide assistance and advice to the Pastor and the Pastoral Staff of the Church of the Resurrection regarding the pastoral care of the members of the parish and the communities of Avondale, Bond Hill, Evanston and Lincoln Heights.

Article 3: The Pastoral Council focuses its energies on the needs of the parish for worship, faith formation, social interaction, justice, social action, and pastoral care.

Article 4: The Pastoral Council collaborates with the Pastoral Staff and parish members to develop the mission and vision for the parish. This includes developing a strategic plan for the future development of the parish.

Article 5: The Pastoral Council must review and approve the annual budget, the sale or purchase of property valued at more than \$25,000.00, as well as any expenditures of that amount – according to the policies of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. They should also be informed of other expenses or sales of property valued at \$10,000 or more, unless these were included in the budget which they had previously approved.

Membership

Article 6: There shall be at least eight and no more than twelve members of the Pastoral Council: at least six and no more than ten elected by the parishioners and two appointed by the Pastor.

Article 7: All members of the Pastoral Council shall be members of the parish for at least one year prior to their election.

Article 8: Members shall be elected or appointed for a term of two years, and may serve up to two consecutive terms. After an absence of at least one year, they may return to the Pastoral Council if elected or appointed to do so.

Article 9: Elections shall be held each year in June. Half of the members shall be elected or appointed each year.

Article 10: The Pastor, Associate Pastor, and Pastoral Associates shall be ex officio members of the Pastoral Council. However, they shall not be voting members of the Pastoral Council, nor count toward the quorum.

Article 11: All active parishioners who are at least 18 years old may vote for and be elected or appointed to the Pastoral Council.

Officers

- Article 12: Members of the Pastoral Council shall elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson from among its members at the first meeting of the year.
- Article 13: Members shall also elect a Secretary for the Pastoral Council. More than one member may rotate the responsibilities of this position.

Meetings

- Article 14: The Pastoral Council shall meet on a monthly basis, the dates and times to be determined by the members at their first meeting of the year, usually held in July.
- Article 15: A quorum for a meeting is 2/3 of the elected and appointed members of the Pastoral Council and either the Pastor or his delegate.
- Article 16: The Pastor shall give a report to the Pastoral Council at every meeting.
- Article 17: The Finance Council shall give a report to the Pastoral Council at least quarterly. It shall present the annual budget to the Pastoral Council in sufficient time to review, advise and approve.

Committees & Commissions

- Article 18: The Chairperson of the Pastoral Council shall appoint the chairpersons of the committees of the Pastoral Council with the consent of the members and the Pastor.
- Article 19: The Pastor, Chairperson and Vice Chairperson shall serve as the Executive Committee, setting the agenda for the meetings of the Pastoral Council.
- Article 20: There shall be five standing Commissions:
Community Life Commission
Faith Formation Commission
Liturgy Commission
Justice and Social Action Commission
Pastoral Care Commission
- Article 21: Additional Commissions, Committees and Subcommittees can be appointed as standing committees or *ad hoc* committees should the need arise.
- Article 22: Each Commission shall determine its own agenda, officers, schedule of meetings and when to present reports to the Pastoral Council. The Pastoral Council may request reports from the Commissions or suggest projects, events, or concerns it has that the Commissions might work on.
- Article 23: An Election Committee shall be appointed by the Chairperson of the Pastoral Council with the consent of the Council members each year to conduct the election of members to the Pastoral Council.

Amendments

- Article 24: Amendments may be made to these By-Laws with a vote of 2/3 of the members at the meeting after the meeting at which the amendment was distributed with the consent of the Pastor.

Approved as Amended: October 24, 2012