

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE PASTORAL COUNCIL  
WHAT WE DO

"The OLQP Pastoral Council is an advisory board to the parish pastor. The purpose is to ensure that the life of the parish reflects the mission of Jesus Christ and that all parishioners are provided with the opportunity to share in that mission. The pastor, along with representatives of many parish ministries, serves on the council. Time of service is from one to three years. It meets on the 4th Thursday of the month from September to May at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center."

Purpose

- To act as advisory board to the pastor
- To hold the members of parish accountable to the OLQP Mission Statement
- To serve as representatives of the many parish ministries serving the Parish
- To plan for the future of the parish by discerning long-range plans (5 year plans) and short-range plans (1-year goals)
- To support current ministries and develop new ones
- To recommend programs and procedures for growth of the parish
- To coordinate parish activities without supervising any of the ministries, activities or organizations within the parish
- To promote continuous dialogue among the clergy, professional staff, council members, ministries, parishioners, and the community

## Pastoral Council Of Ministries Personal Discernment Process

### Qualities Of A Council Member

Using the numbers 1 to 5 (1 being greatest strength), assign them to each of the qualities listed above. If you wish, you can assign a numerical strength to the subcategories in each quality.

Spirituality- ( ) a commitment to prayer, gospel values, compassion and caring

Knowledge - ( ) of the mission of Jesus and of the church, of this parish, its people and its ministries

Skills- ( ) in working in groups, .in communicating and collaborating, in planning, problem solving and decision-making

Attitudes- ( ) excited about this parish, eager to help build it up, open to others' opinions, willing to study issues and to work for the good of the whole.

Ability- ( ) to work with others, to tolerate delay and ambiguity, to follow through on tasks with focused energy.

Using the list of qualities, which is/are your greatest strength(s)? How do you use your strength(s) in your life, work, or ministry?

Using the list of qualities, which is/are your least strength(s)? What are you doing or willing to do to overcome that?

List briefly the church related involvements which you have NOW.

List briefly the other involvements which you have NOW.

When you say "yes" to doing a job, performing a task, attending a meeting, etc., do you follow through on your word or commitment?

Do you have a leadership role in any parish group? If yes, list ways that could help you as a council member- ways that could hinder you.

Group decision making involves the question, "What is the best thing for this group at this time in its history?" Would you be able to participate in this kind of process? ... hearing what each one says and then seeking the group's good? ... letting go of your own agenda?

Using your responses to this discernment sheet, what do you think God is calling you to do regarding allowing yourself to be considered a candidate for the pastoral council of ministries?