



NEWMAN HALL/HOLY SPIRIT PASTORAL COUNCIL

Seeking three members for a three-year term (August 2008-2011)

Are you called to serve as a community representative on the Pastoral Council?

What is a parish pastoral council?

"A parish pastoral council is a consultative body to the pastor, composed of members of the (pastor) and members of the parish, which promotes pastoral action through reflection and planning. The pastoral council helps the parish community to: be in touch with its identity and its values; articulate its vision/mission; and identify achievable goals." Mary Kay Bailey, O.P., "Choosing Pastoral Council Members"

The Newman Pastoral Council is a 12-member leadership group that reflects the diversity of our campus-parish community. We meet once a month throughout the year, focusing on parish pulse-taking, visioning, and short- and long-range planning. Current priorities include communications initiatives (especially electronic and Web-based); planning for physical and capital needs (with the finance committee); adult & youth education and faith-sharing; social and community service; and hospitality/outreach.

Nominations: We invite anyone to submit his/her own name or that of another regular parishioner (with his/her consent) as a possible candidate for one of the three openings. Please feel free to contact Father Campbell (848-7812 or bjprael@aol.com), Council Chair Susan Cass (510-520-2964 or sic@berkeley.edu) or any of the council members (leave a message in the pastoral council mailbox at the front desk) if you have questions.

Nominations are due Sunday, June 29th.

Nominees should submit the application form to assist the council in its deliberations and discernment process.

The current council will meet this summer, and along with the pastor will discuss the applications and how we can constitute a new council that best reflects the diversity and priorities of the parish. We attempt to draw council members across the various Masses, parish activities, age groups, etc. We are most grateful for any and all expressions of interest in this important committee, and welcome inquiries and applications.

Current Qualifications and Desired Qualities for Parish Pastoral Council Members

- A registered and participating member of the parish community (for at least two years).
- A desire for spiritual growth
- A Vatican II vision of the Church
- A commitment to the Paulist charisms of evangelization, ecumenism, and reconciliation
- An ability to listen to parishioners' concerns and needs
- An ability to articulate what has been seen and heard
- An openness toward study and reflection
- The availability of time and energy for the tasks required of a council member
- An eagerness to contribute to and to carry out Newman Hall's pastoral mission
- Ease in working with groups
- The ability to lead and inspire others
- A desire to work for consensus-building
- The ability to follow through on commitments
- A commitment to attend and participate in monthly meetings (3 years x 10 meetings)
- A commitment to serve for a three-year term

NEWMAN HALL HOLY SPIRIT PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL APPLICATION

Name of Nominee:

Address:

Phone Numbers:

E-mail:

Occupation:

Mass you usually attend:

How long have you attended Newman?

Please attach a statement to the council addressing the following questions:

What ministries have you participated in here at Newman or elsewhere?

What gifts/skills do you bring to Newman?

What is your 'vision' for Newman Hall/Holy Spirit Parish?

I have read the criteria for the Pastoral Council. I accept the time commitment required. I support the mission of Newman Hall.

Signature

Date

(Please return to the Pastoral Council mailbox via the reception desk OR you may send responses to the questions above to sic@berkeley.edu)