

Pastoral Council Selection Process - 2022

HOLY FAMILY & ST. IRENE PARISHES

Concord - Carlisle Catholic Collaborative

Parishioners of Holy Family Parish in Concord and St Irene's Parish in Carlisle are invited to participate in the selection process forming the Pastoral Council for the Concord-Carlisle Catholic Collaborative. The aim of a pastoral council is to make the life and activity of the Church conform ever more closely to the Gospel. Through their discernment, wise counsel, and advice, council members help develop and implement a pastoral plan for the collaborative and provide direction to carry it out effectively.



A total of 15 parishioners will serve on the pastoral council - 10 of these parishioners will be selected for a three-year term and five will be appointed annually by the pastor. In addition, pastoral staff members (priests, deacons, pastoral ministers, etc.) will complete the membership of the pastoral council.

The procedures for the selection of 10 parishioners serving three-year terms involves the following:

1. **PRAYER** - All members of Holy Family and St. Irene's Parishes are encouraged to offer prayers asking the Holy Spirit to guide the process by identifying faith-filled parishioners desiring to offer their talent and time in service to our parishes and the mission of Christ and his Church.
2. **RECOMMENDATION** - All members of Holy Family and St. Irene's Parishes are invited to recommend names (including their own) for selection to the council. Those recommended should be confirmed and be a registered member of their respective parish.

The contact information for those being recommended (address, phone, or email) should be submitted by letter, phone, or email to the Holy Family or St Irene's Parish Offices and be received no later Tuesday, February 1, 2022.

3. **INFORMATION SESSION** - To assist in determining whether or not they wish to keep their name in consideration for selection to the council, those whose names are recommended will be invited to attend an 'in person' information session on Sunday, February 27 at 6:30 pm (site to be determined). An explanation of the responsibilities and obligations of a Pastoral Council member and the opportunity to ask questions will be provided at the session.

4. **DISCERNMENT SESSION** - On Sunday, March 13 at 6:30 pm (site to be determined), all those whose names were recommended (whether or not they kept their name in consideration), will be invited to participate in a prayer and selection session determining the 10 parishioners who will serve on the Pastoral Council.

