

NEWSLETTER

What is the Parish Pastoral Council?

The Parish Pastoral Council, also referred to as the PPC, is the advisory board to the Pastor. Although the pastor has the final say in any matter, he takes very seriously the input of his council members. Father Belizaire would like the PPC to be a representation of the various groups of the community. A successful council meeting would consist of the following: bringing the community's concern to the Pastor, as well as advising the pastor on possible solutions to address said concerns, thus making the council a tool for both the community and the pastor.

Recruitment of new PPC members will take place shortly. Father wants the representation in the PPC to be proportionate to that of the

community, and some members have expressed the desire to be relieved from their duties. The recruitment process will occur as follows:

Viable members would be identified and nominated for service in the PPC. Father will then evaluate the nominations and approve the nominees.

Seasons Greetings!!

As this Advent season progresses we wish everyone a joyous and blessed Christmas



GUIDELINES FOR INVITING PRIEST

It is the policy of the church that a letter is required from every priest's bishop or superior before he is allowed to say mass, conduct retreats or any other activities at Sacred Heart.

No one but the pastor has the right or authority to invite any priest to minister to the parish.

JUST A THOUGHT..

Future considerations will involve creating a more prayerful environment inside our church by managing time to allow for quiet prayer time in between masses and by re-assessing the church's design. More information will be forthcoming.

UPCOMING COMMITTEES / MINISTRIES / SERVICES

Stewardship Committee	Vocation Committee	Parish Nurse Ministry	Social Services Office
<p>Will be created to educate others about their responsibility as stewards of God’s gifts. A large focus of this committee will involve reminding people of the stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure (the three T’s). This committee will further encourage people to become registered members of Sacred Heart, become involved in their home parish, give of their talent and share their treasures for it is each person’s responsibility to support their church.</p>	<p>This committee will be formed to reach out to all the existing groups of the parish to pray for vocation. Activities may include the Holy Hour, singing and praying for vocation, etc...</p>	<p>As nurses share in Jesus’ Healing Ministry, all nurses of the parish are called to come together to organize activities to raise awareness on things that will adversely affect their health. We need to keep our community healthy by promoting good habits, providing information and empowering them to take accountability of their own lives. Sacred Heart Church will follow a holistic approach to health, which involves the health of the mind, body and spirit.</p>	<p>Established to respond to the social needs of the community through assistance and referrals. It will primarily be the work of the deacons, with assistance from various members of the community. Social service works will include but are not limited to creating a food pantry and the successful continuation of the annual Thanksgiving drive.</p>

To contact the PPC please leave a message at the rectory, visit the parish website, or email ppc@sacredheartny.com