

***HOLY TRINITY PARISH
NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP
TO PARISH COUNCILS
AND COMMISSIONS
2019***

BACKGROUND

In the spring of each year our community sets aside to discern new members to assume roles as servant leaders for our parish consultative bodies which include: the *Pastoral and Finance Councils*, and the *Liturgy, Faith Formation and Social Justice Commissions*. The mandate of the laity to share authority and responsibility with the clergy in parish life governance through participation on our Councils and Commissions is well described in *"Many Gifts, One Spirit: Church Governance through Consultative Leadership"*:

.. the laity share with the pastor [Pastoral Coordinator] responsibility for guiding the mission to which God calls the Church. In order for the Church to have the fullness of God's light and guidance, the laity need to be involved in decision making through processes of consultation. Consultative bodies are a primary means of participation of the laity in the exercise of ecclesial authority.... Consultation and consultative bodies establish a relationship of communion whereby the Church, clergy and laity, attempt to listen to the Spirit who is leading the Church and speaking to her through gifts and experience, as well as office and ordination. "

All members of Holy Trinity Parish are asked to prayerfully consider who is being called to servant leadership on one of our Councils or Commissions in partnership with our Pastoral Coordinator, Parish Staff and Fellow Parishioners. Listed below are the basic criteria for membership on all parish consultative bodies. Inside this brochure are brief descriptions of each body, listing additional criteria and scheduled meeting times. *Please use this information to consider whether you, or someone you might recommend, are being called to share gifts of time, abilities, wisdom and experience to support and build up the shared life and mission of our parish community.*

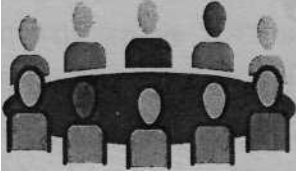
BASIC CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP ON ALL BODIES

All individuals nominated for membership on any Parish Consultative Body must be:

- A baptized, confirmed, practicing Roman Catholic at least sixteen years of age.
- In good standing in the Church, i.e., living a lifestyle in keeping with Gospel values and virtues and, if married, the marriage must be a valid marriage celebrated in the presence of a priest or deacon and two witnesses, unless a dispensation has been obtained.
- A registered and supporting member of the parish committed to stewardship — the sharing of Time, Talent and Financial Resources to the best of one's ability within the community.
- A regular participant in the sacramental life of the parish and in Sunday celebration of the Eucharist.
- Committed to the Church in keeping with the principles of Vatican II and with a willingness to work in partnership and collaboration with the Pastoral Coordinator, Parish Staff and Fellow Council/Commission members.
- Committed to a life of spiritual growth and discipleship through prayer, study, listening and dialogue.
- Willing and able to give the time needed for participation, including consistent attendance at all scheduled council/commission meetings and related events.

COUNCILS AND COMMISSIONS

INFORMATION AND CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP



PASTORAL COUNCIL

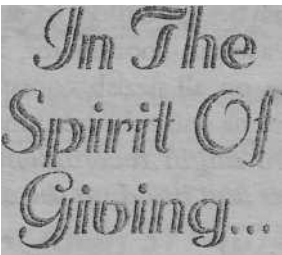
Members of the Parish Council work to:

- Support and foster the mission and ministry of Christ in the parish in collaboration with the Pastor, Parish Staff and other Consultative Bodies.
 - Promote communication in the parish through discussion and dialogue.
- Foster understanding and cooperation between and among parishioners and parish organizations in keeping with norms established by the Archdiocese of Seattle and the universal Church.
- Recommend priorities, goals and policies to nurture the vitality of parish life and the spreading of the Gospel message through visioning, long range and strategic planning and implementation of actions adopted.
- Create and nurture community as a sign and witness of unity within the parish family and wider Church.

Specific membership criteria:

- *Demonstrated leadership abilities, organizational and listening skills.*
- *Willingness to participate in directional and strategic planning and implementation.*
- *Willingness to participate in prayerful discernment and consensus decision making processes.*
- *Ability to dedicate at least 4-6 hours per month, including meeting time, to Council work.*
- *Not a spouse or close family member of a current parish employee.*

Meetings are held on the 2nd Saturday of the month. Next meeting dates before Discernment: April 13th, and May 11th, 8:30am - 12:00pm in the Parish Ministry Center.



FINANCE COUNCIL

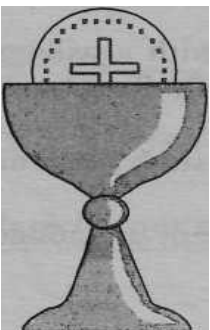
Members of the Finance Council work to:

- Advise and make recommendations to the Pastor and Pastoral Council regarding effective and responsible stewardship of parish financial resources.
- Develop and oversee parish budget and long-range fiscal planning for operational and capital needs within the parish; oversee Stewardship and Annual Catholic Appeal campaigns.

Specific membership criteria:

- *Experience or education in the area of business practice, administration, finance or accounting.*
- *Commitment to study, open communication and prayerful consideration of all opinions presented.*
- *Ability to dedicate 4-6 hours per month, including meeting time, to Council work.*
- *Not a spouse or close family member of a current parish employee.*

Meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of the month. Next meeting date before Discernment: March 20th, and April 24th, 6:30pm — 8:30pm in the Parish Ministry Center.



LITURGY COMMISSION

Members of the Liturgy Commission work in collaboration with the Pastor to:

- Identify and assess the worship and spiritual growth needs of the faith community.
- Recommend liturgical and sacramental policies and practices for the parish to the Pastor in keeping with the principles and guidelines of the archdiocese and universal Church.
- Prepare and evaluate the regular Sunday and special seasonal liturgical celebrations of the Church year.

Specific membership criteria: Do you feel called and gifted in two or more of these areas?

- Possess a love for the liturgical and sacramental life of the Church and the spiritual well being of all the members of our community from the youngest to the oldest among us.
- Possess a working knowledge of liturgical life and practices or have a desire and willingness to learn about Catholic worship and celebration of the sacramental life of the Church.
- Possess creative and/or artistic skills that can nurture the spirit of worship, enhance an atmosphere of prayer and foster the careful preparation of the celebration of the liturgies of the parish.
- Possess demonstrated leadership abilities, organizational skills and the commitment to work collaboratively.
- Ability to dedicate 4-6 hours per month, including meeting time, to Commission work.
- Willingness to commit the time and energy to work on sub-committees within the commission to help prepare for and celebrate the special liturgical and seasonal celebrations of the Church year.

Meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Next meeting dates before Discernment: April 27th, and May 18th, 9:00am - 12:00pm in the Parish Ministry Center.



FAITH FORMATION COMMISSION

Members of the Faith Formation Commission work to:

* Advise the Pastor and Faith Formation Staff and Catechists.

- Listen and provide input and recommendations on the catechetical, sacramental and faith formation policies and processes of all age groups in the parish community.
- Support the development of programs, curricula and budget to meet these needs.

Specific membership criteria:

Ability to dedicate at least 4 hours per month, including meeting time, to Commission work.

Willingness to improve one's knowledge base and understanding of parish sacramental and catechetical needs by participation in local and archdiocesan workshop opportunities, in-service training and study.

Genuinely value and support the catechetical mission of the parish and all faith formation processes.

Openness to consider a variety of opinions, suggestions and recommendations that support the teaching and preaching mission of the parish.

Meetings are normally held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Next meeting dates before Discernment: April 9th, and May 7th, 6:00pm-8:00pm in the Parish Ministry Center.



SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

Members of the Social Justice Commission work with Pastor to further the Social Justice mission and work of the Church and the parish by:

- Addressing justice issues and needs in the parish and wider community.
- Identifying worthy causes and providing recommendations to the Pastor for appropriate parish involvement and allocation of parish financial resources.
- Educating the parish family on the biblical and practical principles of

Catholic social teaching and how we can best serve our brothers and sisters in need locally, nationally and globally.

Specific membership criteria:

- **Willingness to learn about the Church's social teaching and to educate others about this teaching. ***
- **Commitment to active service in areas of social concern and charitable need.**
- **Ability to dedicate at least 2-6 hours per month, including meeting time, to Commission work.**

Meetings are normally on the 2nd Thursday of the month. Next meeting dates before Discernment: April 12th, and May 10th, 3:00pm-4:30pm in the Faith Formation wing.

NOMINATION PROCESS

Parishioners may nominate themselves or another parishioner by filling out the attached nomination form and dropping it in the collection basket. Completed nomination forms may also be mailed, delivered to the Parish Office or dropped into the parish office mail slot as soon as possible, but ***no later than Monday, March 25th***. Additional nomination forms are available in the north entryway. Qualified discernees will be advised of their nomination by letter and follow up phone call from a Council or Commission Chairperson or Member.

DISCERNMENT DAY

Discernees will gather together with the current members of our Councils and Commissions for an afternoon of prayer, discussion and communal discernment on ***Sunday, May 19th from 1:30pm- 5:30pm in Rooms 8 and 10 of the Faith Formation wing. Discernees must participate in the Leadership Discernment Day to be considered for Council or Commission membership.*** We ask all our parishioners to support those discerning for leadership positions, and all current Council and Commission members, with your prayers for the wisdom and guidance of the Holy Spirit in the days and weeks ahead.

QUESTIONS and FURTHER INFORMATION

If you have questions about the nomination or the discernment processes, about specific membership criteria, or if you wish to discuss whether you are being called to serve, please contact Veronica Kelley at v.kelley@holyt.org or in the parish office at (360) 377-7674.

Please detach and submit

HOLY TRINITY PARISH COUNCILS AND COMMISSIONS MEMBERSHIP NOMINEE FORM

Name of Nominee: _____

Council/Commission: _____

I have (___) have not (___) advised the above individual of his/her nomination.

This is a self-nomination (_____)

Parishioner submitting nomination: _____ ***Ph. #*** _____