



June 23, 2024

Dear Parishioners,

Over the next several weeks, the parish is going to hold nominations for additional membership on the Parish Pastoral Council. This council is a visioning and planning body of parishioners who foster full participation of the entire parish in the life and mission of the church as lived out in Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish. In consultation with the Pastor, the Pastoral Council actively listens to and identifies the needs and concerns of the people and reviews the parish pastoral plan to respond to these needs. The Pastoral Council also seeks to implement the plan by seeking the involvement of parishioners.

The Pastoral Council's functions are to:

- Serve a three-year term. The council typically meets 5-6 times per year for 2 hours.
- Serve as a forum for open and free dialogue on matters of pastoral concern.
- Seek out diverse backgrounds, viewpoints, and needs of all the people of Our Lady of Guadalupe.
- Maintain and adjust the Mission Statement that will embrace the total life and mission of the Parish.
- Pray for and recommend to the Pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, current and future pastoral needs.
- Establish clear and concise practical goals and objectives based on the Mission Statement and evaluate effectiveness in the areas of: divine worship and prayer, teaching and preaching the Word of God, communal witness to the gospel, and charity and service to all.
- Serve as a visible sign of unity for Our Lady of Guadalupe.
- Accept other responsibilities as assigned by the Pastor.

During this election cycle, we will be electing 4 new members. We are seeking parishioners who possess these qualities:

- a desire for spiritual growth in themselves and the Parish
- an enthusiasm about the future direction of the Parish
- a willingness to listen, to speak honestly and to work toward consensus
- the ability to inspire and empower others to delegate
- flexibility and openness with people and ideas

Nominations will take place over the next few weeks, and will conclude on July 12th. Nomination forms will be included in bulletins and after masses over the next few weeks. Nomination forms will be collected after Mass, can be submitted to the parish office, placed in the ballot box in the Narthex or can be emailed to rsvp@olguadalupe.org.

Those identified as nominees will be invited to attend an information night on July 24th. At this session, all nominees will learn about the role of the Pastoral Council. After this evening, all will be asked to reflect and pray on this information and discern whether or not they feel called to this ministry of service and leadership. Elections will be held starting August 11th concluding on September 8th.

Ever grateful for your willingness to serve our Parish,

Reverend Monsignor Joseph P. Gentili
Pastor

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM

Our parish needs Christian leadership to help support our pastoral life and spiritual growth. Please help identify parishioners who may be willing to assist the pastor in his leadership role of planning, organizing, initiating, promoting, coordinating, and reviewing the evangelization, worship, religious education, and service activities within the parish.

More information can be found on our parish web site <https://www.olguadalupe.org/pastoralcouncil>

Any questions you may have can be asked through email, rsvp@olguadalupe.org or by calling the parish office (267-247-5374).

On the form provided below, please list the names of parishioners whom you identify as having the gifts for pastoral council leadership. These individuals will receive a call to inform them that they have been nominated and to ask them to participate in the discernment process. They will have the option to participate in the discernment process.

In order to be considered for the ministry of parish leadership, a parishioner must:

- be a baptized, fully initiated, practicing Catholic in accordance with the teachings of the Church;
- have been a registered member of the parish for at least 2 years;
- be a participant in the ongoing life of the parish, especially Sunday Eucharist; **and**
- be at least 18 years of age.

Thank you for your recommendations. Please pray for the selection of the Pastoral Council leadership in our parish. **Nomination deadline is Friday, July 12th 2024.** We will be electing four new members to the council this year. Ballots may be returned via the following methods:

- *after Masses to a PPC representative*
- *drop it in the ballot box*
- *to the Parish office directly*
- *via email at rsvp@olguadalupe.org (form not necessary, just include all required info)*

I suggest the following individuals and/or myself to be considered for a position on the Parish Pastoral Council.		
My Name () (Check box if nominating yourself)		
(First and last name)	Home and Cell Phone	Email address
_____	_____	_____
My recommended nominee(s)		
(First and last name)	Home and Cell Phone	Email address
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