

## Pastoral Council Candidate Checklist

- ✓ Read the Election Information 2019 document that describes the Council and the steps you need to take.
- ✓ Consider the reasons you wish to serve and write up a 1 page statement.
- ✓ Obtain 25 “wet” or electronic endorsements from Paulist Center Community Members on your own Paulist Center Community Pastoral Council Nomination Petition.
- ✓ Submit a photo of yourself, along with the 1-page statement and the completed Nomination Petition by May 9 to Maggie Keefe @ [maggiekeefe@mac.com](mailto:maggiekeefe@mac.com)

Elections will be held mid-May over 2 weekends. You will be invited to attend the Pastoral Council meeting in August when the retiring members depart and the new members join, which is typically referred to as the “Hello – Goodbye” meeting. The first official meeting of your 2-year term is in September, 2019.

# **Paulist Center Community Pastoral Council Elections May 11-12 / 18-19, 2019**

The Pastoral Council of the Paulist Center Community (“PCC”) is comprised of 8 elected community members, the Director of the Center, and one Staff member, and works with the staff to guide the work and community life of the Center. Five council members will be elected on the weekends of May 11-12 and 18-19 to serve two-year terms beginning in September 2019, replacing outgoing Council members David Coughlin, Maggie Keefe and Bill Mitchell as well as filling two open seats.

## **What does the Pastoral Council do?**

The Council meets monthly as a group to reflect on issues facing the community and to work with the staff to effectively address them. Council members assist the Director and staff in long-term planning, and also sit on standing or ad hoc committees such as Stewardship, Social Justice, Investment, Finance, and Isaac Hecker Award. The Council also approves the annual budget, plans the annual Stewardship Weekend, hosts the annual Community Meeting, and runs the annual Pastoral Council election. The time commitment is approximately 6-8 hours per month.

## **Why is it important?**

The Paulist Center is a large and diverse community, and the Pastoral Council is our primary vehicle for “connecting the dots” of the many groups and ministries active within the Center. We are also less hierarchical than typical Catholic parishes, giving community members a greater opportunity and a higher obligation to shape the direction of the community.

## **Qualifications**

Any registered member of the Community may run for election to the Pastoral Council. You may be particularly interested if you:

- Have been involved in one or more of the PCC’s ministries or groups in the past
- Want to contribute to the overall health of the community
- Enjoy looking at “the big picture”
- Wish to help people connect more deeply with each other and the Center
- Have a real heart for implementing the community’s vision in the Strategic Plan, and helping the community determine “what comes next”

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## Process

Individuals interested in running for election to the Pastoral Council must do two things:

- 1. Submit a personal statement (with photograph).** The purpose of the personal statement is to give other community members more information about the candidates, their background and their interests. Statements often contain the history of the candidate's personal involvement with the PCC, the talents and experience that the candidate would bring to the council, and the reasons why the candidate is considering serving. The statements will be posted in the hallway outside the chapel and emailed out to members through Constant Contact in May.
- 2. Collect 25 supporting signatures.** This is analogous to a political nominating petition. Because the Council represents the community, it is important that members establish connections to as many community members as possible. Don't be intimidated by the prospect of collecting signatures. The nominating petition is also an opportunity to establish connections, and people are usually glad to give candidates this support. Fellow community members appreciate your willingness to step forward and serve. Often candidates collect signatures at the coffee hour after mass, or at the Paulist Center's annual fundraising Auction (scheduled for Saturday, April 27, 2019). You may also collect members' "electronic" signatures by asking people via email to "sign" your petition. When they respond affirmatively, you may type their name on your petition and then submit their response email demonstrating their support of your petition along with your completed petition. Nomination petition forms are available from any Pastoral Council Election Committee member (listed below).

## Deadlines

- Personal statements & completed nomination petition forms due May 9, 2019  
Submit forms by email to Pastoral Council chair Maggie Keefe: [maggiekeefe@mac.com](mailto:maggiekeefe@mac.com).

## Pastoral Council Election Committee

Please feel free to reach out to any member of the Council or Staff to discuss and ask questions about serving on the Council. The current Election Committee members are:

Mike Bowen	<a href="mailto:mtbohen@gmail.com">mtbohen@gmail.com</a>	David Coughlin	<a href="mailto:golferdave@yahoo.com">golferdave@yahoo.com</a>
Maggie Keefe	<a href="mailto:maggiekeefe@mac.com">maggiekeefe@mac.com</a>	Bill Mitchell	<a href="mailto:bmitch@gmail.com">bmitch@gmail.com</a>
Jeanine Mount	<a href="mailto:bmitch@gmail.com">bmitch@gmail.com</a>	Tori Steinmeier	<a href="mailto:tsteinme@me.com">tsteinme@me.com</a>

# Paulist Center Community Pastoral Council Nomination Petition

## 2019

We the undersigned support and encourage the candidacy of \_\_\_\_\_ for election to the Pastoral Council.

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