

# **PASTORAL COUNCIL POLICY**

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**Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Pastoral Council is an effective structure for promoting and supporting parish life, worship and service, as well as, helping to accomplish the mission of the parish. It is the principal form of collaborative leadership on the parish level. This collaborative body enables clergy and laity to cooperate effectively in bringing about the spiritual renewal of the parish through visioning and planning, and reaching decisions through the prayerful process of discernment.**

**The Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Pastoral Council shall be the instrument through which a representative body of the Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, in a relationship of shared responsibility with the Pastor or his designee, enables the parish to experience itself as a community of faith called to proclaim the good news of God's Kingdom present among us.**

### **1302 PASTORAL COUNCIL REGULATIONS**

**Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish has adopted the use of a Pastoral Council Constitution as the instrument that governs nomination, membership, selection of members, terms of office, the selection of officers commissions, meetings, decision making, membership discernment and amendments and revisions. (Pastoral Council Manual and handbook)**

**No employee or staff member of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish will be a voting member on the Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Pastoral Council.**

**Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Pastoral Council encourages participation by the faith filled community to be active members of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton commissions. The body of the commissions is an accurate measuring device and a proper reflection of the diversity and culture of the parish.**

**In addition to the mandated duties and responsibilities, the Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Pastoral Council will evaluate the Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton mission statement every three years to maintain its conformance to the Diocesan mission statement.**

**In addition to the mandated duties and responsibilities, the Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Pastoral Council will evaluate the effectiveness of all Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton programs every three (3) years.**

**Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Pastoral Council encourages the faithful members of the parish to attend Pastoral Council meetings. The Pastoral Council encourages dialogue with the body public, parish members, active commissions, staff, volunteers and employees.**

**The Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Pastoral Council will conduct at least ten (10) annual meetings.**

