

Communications with the Parish

Listening to the people of St. Joseph and providing prompt information on PAC deliberations and decisions back to the people is critically important. The PAC strives to maintain open and continuous communications with the Parish through multiple media, including the Parish bulletin, a PAC web page on the Parish website, and periodic announcements at Mass. The PAC Chairperson will also provide periodic reports to the Parish concerning the PAC's accomplishments and planning focus.

Do you have concerns or issues to discuss with the PAC, or have a suggestion for a PAC meeting agenda topic? Please send an email to PAC@sjcherndon.org, or feel free to contact any of the PAC members:

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Parish Advisory Council (PAC)

St. Joseph Catholic Church



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**Peace and good! Pax et Bonum!
Pace e bene!**

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What is the PAC and why do we have one?

Recognizing that sound pastoral decisions are informed by the wisdom of the People of God, and in the spirit of the Second Vatican Council, the Pastoral Advisory Council (PAC) of St. Joseph Catholic Church is the primary council of the Parish constituted to advise and assist the Pastor in carrying out the Parish's mission and achieving its vision.

Mission:

St. Joseph Catholic Church preaches the Gospel through word, sacrament, and service to others in order to build God's Kingdom.

Vision:

St. Joseph Catholic Church is a joyful community, preaching the Good News to all, promoting God's Word, the sacraments, and serving others through "Works of Mercy" in the spirit of Saints Joseph and Francis of Assisi.

Through prayer, research, listening to parishioners and dialog at PAC meetings, the PAC helps the Pastor to learn and prioritize the needs of the parish, and proposes practical solutions and initiatives in advancing the mission and vision.

The PAC considers all the practical matters of parish life including:

- ministries of proclaiming God's Word,
- celebration of the sacraments,
- caring for the needs of parishioners,
- promoting the mission of the Church to the world, and
- being a good steward of parish resources.

PAC Membership

Serving on the PAC is a ministry. Members are chosen by the Pastor and should have the specific gifts of a wise counselor, including the ability to study, investigate, and examine pastoral matters thoroughly. PAC members must be registered parishioners in good standing who reflect the parish's various neighbor-

hoods, social and professional groups, and ministries, and must be committed to a life of prayer and to the mission and ministries of the parish.

The Pastor is not a member of the PAC, according to Canon Law, but presides over it. The PAC consists of ten to twelve members who generally serve two or three-year terms. A member of the Parish Finance Council and the St. Joseph School Principal or Vice Principal will always have a seat on the PAC.

PAC Meetings

The PAC will normally meet monthly from September to June. Meetings are closed to nonmembers, unless invited by the Pastor, in order to facilitate frank discussions and efficiency. The Pastor develops the PAC meeting agenda with the PAC Chairperson. PAC members and parishioners may request subjects be placed on the agenda.

Meeting minutes will be maintained by the PAC Secretary, and summaries of PAC meetings will be printed in the St. Joseph Bulletin.