New Parish Pastoral Councils: Creating Operating Guidelines

Please review the items below. These are often considered as necessary ingredients for developing pastoral council guidelines.

1. How will new members be selected?

2. How long will council members serve?

3. What should we do when a parish council member is absent? What should we do when a council member stops coming to meetings?

4. How do we select leaders within the council (Facilitator, Recorder, Convener, etc.)? How long do these leaders serve?

5. How are meetings run? How is the agenda set?

6. How many times a year should we meet and when? Under what circumstances should others be invited to the council meetings?

7. How do we arrive at our recommendations? How do we resolve conflicts within the council?


9. Should we report to the parish community periodically?

10. How will we provide training and spiritual development for council members?