

**St. Matthew Parish Pastoral Council
2019 Nominee Information Form**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Best Phone #: _____ Email address: _____

Spouse's Name: _____ Number of Children: _____

Number of years in Parish: _____

Education: _____

Employer: _____

Current Active Ministries: _____

Ministries involved in the past: _____

Why would you be a good candidate for the Parish Pastoral Council? (50 words or less) ***Attach an extra page with answer if necessary***

What skills would you bring to the Parish Pastoral Council? (50 words for less) ***Attach an extra page with answer if necessary***

Please submit this form and a color headshot photo to Michael Mader at mjmsatx@sbcglobal.net by Monday, April 29. You can reach him at 210-912-4165 with any questions.

Parish Pastoral Council Position Description:

The Parish Pastoral Council is a parochial structure consisting of representative members of the parish who form one body with the Pastor in fulfilling the Church's mission. The Council is the means to bring life and service to the parish community. The Council discerns pastoral issues that impact the lives of the parishioners by praying, studying, advising, and calling forth the gifts of others to ministry in the parish and the wider community. The Council is the chief consultative body of the Pastor and shares responsibility with the Pastor for the spiritual growth and well-being of the parish.

The Parish Pastoral Council is made up of 12 elected members (6 men and 6 women), along with the pastor, a youth representative, and our other priests. A **three year term commitment** is required of each Parish Pastoral Council member. Three new members will be elected by the parishioners this May; the term officially begins in July, but newly elected members are invited to attend the June meeting to be introduced to the current council members. Meetings are usually held every second Wednesday of each month or as determined by the pastor; the Council generally does not meet in July and August.

Parish Pastoral Council Requirements:

According to Parish Pastoral Council Guidelines, the prospective member must meet the following requirements:

1. A Catholic, registered, active member of St. Matthew parish for at least one year; 18 years of age or older
2. Committed to serving the Church and to growing spiritually
3. Willing to work toward unifying and reconciling the whole parish community
4. Willing to participate in ongoing leadership formation and to devote the time necessary to accomplish the work of the Council
5. May not be a staff member of the parish
6. Cannot be related to a staff member of the parish or the school, such as a spouse, child of, parent of, etc.
7. Expected to attend Mass every Sunday.