

## NOMINATION FORM FOR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

**“All the baptized are called to participate in the life and the mission of the Church. The mission of the Church is rooted in the mission of Christ: “Go into the world and proclaim the Good News to all of creation.” (Mark 16:15-17)**

From the earliest days the Church has responded to this mission in many ways depending on the times and circumstances. The Second Vatican Council reminded us that we must be about the mission of Jesus, and that all the baptized, lay, religious, and clergy have their right and responsibility to participate in the mission of the Church. Here in the Diocese of Scranton we are in the midst of a “New Evangelization”, in order to deepen our understanding and revitalize our efforts to be the parish and diocese that Christ calls us to be in these times.

The Parish Pastoral Council is a consultative body that assists the pastor in certain pastoral issues. The pastor will look to the Council for recommendations on how the parish can be faithful in living out the mission statement of Christ. The Pastoral Council is not a decision-making group, although it has an essential role in the decision-making process. In a parish, the pastor has the central leadership role and is the final decision maker. However, he carries this role in consultation with the Pastoral Council. He gathers information, seeks advice and gives serious consideration to what he hears before making a final decision.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

The eligibility requirements are that a nominee be a baptized Catholic in good standing, and practicing, at least 18 years of age, an active member of the parish and not an employee of the parish. A youth representative should be between 14-18 years of age, a practicing Catholic and active with the parish community. **Please use this form to nominate yourself or someone else from the parish.**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**On the back of this form please write a brief explanation as to why you / your nominee would like to serve on the Council and what you / they can bring to the work of the Council.**

**Thank you for your interest and you will be hearing from the Council Selection Committee within the next few months.**

**Sincerely,  
The Parish Pastoral Council**