



## **Parish Pastoral Council GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **Parish Pastoral Council**

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) promotes and supports the evangelising mission of the Parish, working in collaboration with the Parish Priest to foster the spiritual and pastoral life of all the Christian faithful. The Parish Pastoral Council enables the members of the Parish community to fulfil their baptismal calling to share in Christ's mission and to connect their needs and their strengths with the Parish's plans for the future.

The newly formed Parish Pastoral Council will have a key role in developing the Parish Pastoral Plan in consultation with the parish community. This plan will help guide the continuation of the work of renewal in our parish in the service of God's mission.

### **Membership Criteria**

Members of the Parish Pastoral Council are:

- prayerful Catholics, 18 years or older, committed to growth in faith and sharing in the life and mission of Christ
- willing and able to engage in shared discernment in a spirit of synodality
- willing and able to speak their truth boldly and listen with a humble heart
- gifted in one or more areas of visioning, strategy, change management and community engagement
- keen to explore how the people and leadership at each level of the parish can grow in faith, awareness and skills for the parish's mission in today's world
- accepting of the mission and purpose of the council, including its role within the structure of the Catholic Church
- fully engaged in preparation for and participation in meetings of the council
- willing to make a three-year commitment to the work of the Council
- willing to provide support and encouragement for other members of the Council
- able to undertake induction, formation and commissioning
- willing to represent the Council when required, e.g. other Parish meetings, regional or diocesan meetings.

## **How will we Discern Membership?**

To discern means to come to knowledge. A process of prayerful discernment is one in which we come to the knowledge of God's desire for our parish. The process involves calling upon the Holy Spirit to be present, being open to input from the community, and providing the opportunity for prayer and reflection in the process. Discernment of Parish Pastoral Council membership is a process of prayer, formation, and the deepening of people's relationship with the Holy Spirit as individuals and as a community of believers.

In the final phase of the selection of Council membership, a discernment process will be used. The actual discernment of new Parish Pastoral Council members involves prayer, the naming of the gifts that an individual brings to the parish community that resonate with the context of the issues facing the parish. At the end of the process each nominee, along with the group that has been gathered, will discern who should come on to the council at this time.

A date for discernment for membership of the Parish Pastoral Council will be given to nominees upon acknowledging their nomination.

## **Nomination Process for the Parish Pastoral Council**

After considering the role of the Parish Pastoral Council and the qualities of Parish Pastoral Council members, we invite you to nominate yourself or someone else to the Parish Pastoral Council.

If you are nominating yourself, you can leave section 3 blank.

If you are nominating someone else, fill in section 3, then share the form with the person you wish to nominate for them to accept your nomination and complete other relevant details.

Please return completed forms to the address at the end of the form.



## Parish Pastoral Council NOMINATION FORM

### 1. Your General Details:

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Age:  18-25  25-40  41-64  65+

Mobile (or preferred number): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Personal Details you wish to share (e.g. culture, family etc): \_\_\_\_\_

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### 2. Please offer some comments on the following:

What qualities, skills or experiences could you bring to membership?

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What do you see as important for the mission of our parish?

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Any other comments you wish to offer.

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### 3. Nominated by:

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

My reason for supporting this nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

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Preferred Phone Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### 4. Submitting Your Nomination

Please give your completed form to:

St Agnes' Catholic Parish

The Pastoral Office (at the Presbytery), 47 Hay Street Port Macquarie

or post to PO Box 23 Port Macquarie 2444

Email to: [tony.worner@stagnesparish.org.au](mailto:tony.worner@stagnesparish.org.au)

**Applications close Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 5pm.**

Questions regarding the process can be directed to Tony Worner at [tony.worner@stagnesparish.org.au](mailto:tony.worner@stagnesparish.org.au) or by calling (02) 6588 7444.