

Mary, Mother of Hope Parish Leadership

Pastoral Council

Under the direction of the pastor, the parish pastoral council examines every aspect of the parish's pastoral ministry: worship and spirituality, most especially Sunday Eucharist; catechesis and formation of adults, teens and children; evangelization and outreach; and stewardship and service in charity and justice.

Parish pastoral councils use an annual, continuous process to ensure the quality of pastoral life in a parish. This process includes crafting the parish's mission, assessing the parish's needs, developing goals, identifying objectives, implementing those objectives, evaluating programs and celebrating successes. At the end of every year, the planning begins anew.

The Second Vatican Council reaffirmed the baptismal call of the laity to participate in the Church. Documents such as The Church in the Modern World and On the Apostolate of the Laity point to the essential role of lay persons. In this spirit, the Nineteenth Diocesan Synod of Pittsburgh in 2000 called for the establishment of a parish pastoral council in every parish in the diocese.

Pastoral Council Members

Joseph Colia Renee Hardy
Andrea Hite Susan Kearns
Jeremy Sonnett

Finance Council

The parish finance council is to have an active and defined role in advising and assisting the pastor in administering the temporal affairs of the parish by utilizing the skills and expertise of the finance council members in monitoring the financial activity of the parish.

In accordance with Canon Law and Diocesan Statutes, the parish must have a parish finance council.

Finance Council Members

Debbie Lynch Paul Latsko
Martin McGonigle Josephine Sedwick
R. Kay Thompson