

St Thomas More Catholic Community Pastoral Council At Large Candidates

“Members shall ordinarily be registered members of the parish who are at least 16 years of age and who are willing to commit themselves to active involvement and support of the parish.” (By-Laws)

To nominate yourself or someone you know please fill in the information below

Your name (If you are nominating someone else) _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ **E-mail:** _____

For the election process we want to publish a **photo** and a **brief resume** for each candidate in the parish bulletin. If you do not have a photo available one can be taken at the parish office. Please provide whatever information you can on this form along with a personal photo by **Wednesday, September 17, 2025**. You may mail the form or drop it off at the parish office.

1. Please provide a brief synopsis of your personal background information: e.g. family information, work history, time at St. Thomas More, etc.
2. Please list any previous church activities, volunteer activities, special interests, or life experiences that you might bring to your participation as a Council Member.
3. Please give your thoughts for the future well being of the parish.

The Purpose of the Pastoral Council

1. to share responsibility with the Pastor and pastoral Staff for the life and mission of the Church in this parish
2. to provide an open and honest forum of communication and dialogue regarding parish affairs among the Pastor and Pastoral Staff and the parish membership
3. to bring the voice, the advice, the talents and the perspectives of the parish membership in establishing goals, setting directions, and modeling collaborative leadership in the service of the parish mission
4. to encourage parishioners by all available means toward effective participation and involvement in the ministries and mission of the parish
5. to initiate, support, and coordinate parish organizations, programs, and activities essential to the spiritual, social, and material well-being of the parish community
6. to collaborate with other religious bodies and with government, business, and professional organizations in working for the common good of the civic community
7. to cooperate with other diocesan, vicariate, and parochial structures in the total life and mission of the church within the diocese
8. to be a visible witness to the message and example of our Lord Jesus Christ

The St. Thomas More Pastoral Council is a leadership and visionary board that consists of 12 members of the parish along with members of the Pastoral Staff. Six members of the council represent the various parish commissions (ministries) and six members are at-large members who are elected by the parish. Members of the council are normally at least 16 years of age, registered members of STM, and people who have a willingness to commit themselves to active involvement and support of the parish. The members of the commissions will be deciding in May who will serve this next term on the council representing those commissions. We are also looking to elect two at-large members of the parish to serve on the council and we are asking for prayerful consideration of those who may wish to be considered in this next election.

The roles and responsibilities of a member include

1. Attendance at monthly Pastoral Council meetings
2. Serving on committees of the Pastoral Council
3. Attendance at parish events as a representative of the Pastoral Council
4. Presentations at mass as related to Pastoral Council activities
5. Attendance at Pastoral Council retreats
6. Identified by name and phone number in the parish bulletin

Two candidates will be elected to serve a three (3) year term

The election will be held October 4th and 5th