

**SMALL GROUP – YEAR 1/ST. PASCAL BAYLON
SIGN-UP FORM AND QUESTIONNAIRE – LENT 2024****SIGN-UP/YOUR INTEREST IN A SMALL GROUP**

Yes! I would you like to join a Small Group at St. Pascal's this Lent.

Name: _____

Telephone number: _____

e-mail address: _____

Please be sure your name and contact information above is legible, and kindly complete and return the rest of the questionnaire which begins on the next page and is an important part of the sign-up process.

This sign-up form and questionnaire is offered in connection with the roll-out of Small Groups at St. Pascal's beginning in Lent 2024 (February 14 - March 22). It is intended for every adult parishioner, including anyone who may have previously expressed an interest in Small Groups or who may be a potential Small Group Leader.

Small Groups are the next step in the implementation of the Synod Priorities of the Archdiocese. Small Groups are the Synod Priority for Year 1 (July 2023 - June 2024) with the purpose of creating and growing small group ministry at every parish in the Archdiocese to foster personal relationships, build community, and provide formation to help each of us as parishioners grow as missionary disciples of Christ.

Starting Small Groups at St. Pascal's is an exciting opportunity for us to extend and deepen the community of our parish and foster the relationships that we know make St. Pascal's a special community. Groups of 6-10 members will meet weekly for 1-1/2 hours during Lent and be facilitated by Small Group Leaders from our parish who have been specially formed and trained.

The responses you provide to the questionnaire which follows will help the Synod Evangelization Team (SET) at St. Pascal's gauge your interest and preferences about Small Groups and will be used in organizing Small Groups at St. Pascal's this Lent, including determining the composition of the Small Groups, assigning Small Group Leaders, determining the times and locations of Small Group meetings. SET members include Jaci Bush, Nicole Fisch, Julie Moore, Deacon Rich Moore, Kim Roering, John Scanlon, and Mary Weyandt.

The information you provide here will be used only in connection with Small Groups. It may be shared with Parish staff, SET members, and Small Group Leaders solely for this purpose.

If you have questions about this sign-up form and questionnaire or Small Groups at St. Pascal's in general, please contact Kim Roering, Jaci Bush, or John Scanlon.



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QUESTIONNAIRE/YOUR PREFERENCES FOR A SMALL GROUP

We appreciate knowing about preferences you may have regarding Small Groups that you provide in your responses below. We will carefully consider all responses.

Please understand, however, that our ability to accommodate preferences noted below will depend on a variety of factors, including the number of Small Group Leaders we have, the number of people who wish to join a Small Group, the scheduling availability of Small Group Leaders and participants, the alignment of preferences with other participants, direction and guidance we receive from the Archdiocese and our pastor, etc. We may not be able to accommodate all preferences in this first year of Small Groups. We appreciate your understanding and support.

For statements #1 - #5 below, please indicate your preferences in order of importance to you by writing the appropriate number 1 - 5 (with "1" being most important to you and "5" being least important) in the space next to each statement. Use a number between 1 and 5 only once and provide a single response to each of statements #1 - #5 below. (Example: If the most important preference for you (regarding the five statements listed below) is that you be placed in a Small Group with individuals/couples who share your interest in social justice, then you would place a "1" on the line next to "Social justice and reaching the marginalized and the poor" in response to statement #3.)

For questions #6 - #8 below, please briefly write your responses (if any) in the spaces provided.

1. I would like to be in a Small Group composed of (select only one):

___ Individuals. If you indicate an "Individuals" preference, please make sure all other interested adult individuals in your household complete and return a separate sign-up form and questionnaire for themselves.

___ Couples. If you indicate a "Couples" preference, please list here who your couple is and complete the rest of the questionnaire jointly:

___ Mixed group of couples and individuals.

___ If possible, the following people listed here:

Please list no more than six (6) people and you should confirm in advance with each of the people you list that they wish to be included in this group (and they should also list this group in their questionnaire). Each of the people you list should still complete and return a separate sign-up form and questionnaire for themselves, so that we also have their contact information and preferences.

2. With respect to age, I would like the individuals/couples in my Small Group to be:

___ 65 years +
___ 45 - 65 years
___ 30 - 44 years
___ 18 - 29 years
___ Mixed age

3. I would like to have individuals/couples in my Small Group who share my interest in:

___ Social justice and reaching the marginalized and the poor

___ The Eucharist and the beauty, form, and meaning of the Mass

___ Prayer ministry for those in need

___ The service of evangelization

___ Bible study

___ Faith sharing

___ Sacramental preparation

___ Other. Please list here another interest that is important to you and that you think others may share: _____



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4. I would prefer for my Small Group to meet:

In one of the spaces below, write the number (use one number only) indicating overall importance of the meeting day/time to you and, if applicable, also write letters in the relevant spaces showing the order of your multiple day/time preferences (see note below):

Monday
_____ mornings; _____ afternoons; or _____ evenings

Tuesday
_____ mornings; _____ afternoons; or _____ evenings

Wednesday
_____ mornings; _____ afternoons; or _____ evenings

Thursday
_____ mornings; _____ afternoons; or _____ evenings

Sunday
_____ mornings before the 10:30 a.m. Mass

If more than one of the meeting days/times listed above will work for your schedule, please feel free to indicate all that may apply in order of your preference, using an "A" in the relevant space to indicate first preference for meeting day/time, "B" for second preference, "C" for third preference and so on as applicable.

5. I would like the Small Group meeting to be held at:

_____ A meeting room at St. Pascal's

_____ A parishioner's home

_____ Another suitable location (e.g., the social room at a parishioner's apartment building, townhouse or condominium complex, or senior residential facility)

Would you be willing to share the gift of your hospitality and host a Small Group meeting at your home or other suitable location that you have access to? You do not need to be a Small Group Leader to host a meeting. If "yes," please indicate by placing a check here: _____, and we will let your Small Group Leader know so he or she can follow up with you.

6. Do you require any physical accommodation where the Small Group may meet (e.g., wheelchair accessible, level entry, no stairs/steps, etc.)? If so, please describe here: _____

7. Do you have any special needs that would be helpful for us to know in planning for Small Groups. If so, please describe here: _____

8. Do you have any other questions/concerns/preferences about Small Groups that you would like to make us aware of (e.g., make-up/composition of your small group, option to participate remotely (via Zoom or similar on-line/internet service), etc.) If so, please describe here: _____

THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND PLEASE RETURN YOUR COMPLETED SIGN-UP FORM AND QUESTIONNAIRE TO THE PARISH OFFICE OR TO A SET MEMBER AT THE TABLE IN THE GATHERING SPACE AFTER WEEKEND MASSES IN JANUARY NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024.

YOUR TIMELY RESPONSE WILL BE A GREAT HELP TO US IN MOVING FORWARD WITH OUR SMALL GROUPS.