

**Amended and Restated
CONSTITUTION and BYLAWS
OF THE
PASTORAL COUNCIL OF ST. THERESE PARISH**

Article I: Name and Purpose

The official name of this body shall be the Pastoral Council of St. Therese Parish (hereinafter called Council.)

The Council is a consultative body to the Pastor, at his discretion. The Council is the pastoral planning body of the Parish with the primary goal of discerning and addressing the pastoral needs of the parish. The Council is responsible for the ongoing process of developing long and short-range priorities for the parish.

Article II: Members

A. Qualifications

Members of the Council, except for appointed staff members, generally are registered and fully participating members of St. Therese Parish. All members shall:

- Accept their position as a serious obligation and responsibility.
- Be willing to serve and lead the parish in a spiritual direction.
- Have the ability to work in a consultative manner and use the process of consensus to come to decisions.
- Have a willingness to study and reflect on Council matters.

B. Members

The Council members will be the Pastor, other parties from the St. Therese community as deemed necessary by the Pastor. The Council will be comprised of at least five members.

C. Removal and Vacancy

Removal of a Council member is at the discretion of the Pastor. A vacancy in a non-staff Council position will be selected by the Pastor. Newly appointed members will be announced to the parish.

Article III: Term

Officers of the Council will be the Chairperson and Secretary. These positions will be appointed by the Pastor every two years. To be considered for a position a member must have served on the Council for at least one year. Members of the Council shall be appointed annually by the Pastor.

Article IV: Meetings

At a minimum, Council will meet four times per year and when deemed necessary by the Pastor. The secretary will maintain minutes for the meeting and send to the Council for review and approval. These minutes will be stored digitally with other Parish records.

Article V: Quorum

Two-thirds of the council member will constitute a quorum.

Article VI: Committees

The Council may establish and maintain various committees as necessary for the carrying out the mission of the parish. When establishing committees the Council will develop:

1. A clear mission statement
2. A plan of action

Article VII: Amendments

The Constitution may be amended by a majority vote of at least two thirds (2/3) of the Council members. Said amendment will be presented for consideration at one (1) previous meeting of the Council prior to adoption.

These Amended and Restated Constitution and Bylaws will supersede all previous Constitutions and Bylaws of St. Therese Pastoral Council and will become effective when approved by the Pastor.

Approved:


Pastor:


Date: