Tasks of the PAC:

- To grow in awareness of the presence of the Holy Spirit, as it operates within the Church;
- To develop a structure which allows for the discovery of pastoral needs and particular gifts which
- the parish community can address;
- To articulate a vision of the parish's activity in the future as it carries out the mission of the Church;
- To develop plans for carrying out its mission, while avoiding the tendency to allow administrative tasks to dominate the agenda;
- To focus and coordinate the energies of the staff and parish organizations by expressing broad goals for implementation;
- To facilitate the writing of a parish mission statement;
- To review the annual parish budget in cooperation with the parish finance council.
- The Council does not manage parish operations; its members meet with the pastor and offer him the wisdom of the community, offering the bigger picture within the parish.
- Whereas the finance council has a limited scope, dealing with budget and financial matters, the work of the pastoral council embraces all the pastoral dimensions of the parish.

A Pastoral Councilor serves:

- As a baptized member of the Body of Christ called forth by the Holy Spirit;
- As a representative of the entire parish who articulates the experience of the parish and community;
- As an active participant in all workings of the council.
- A councilor is encouraged:
- To be attentive to the gifts and needs of the whole parish;
- To cultivate the skills of discernment and consensus decision making;
- To listen carefully to others and to the Holy Spirit;
- To express his or her considered opinion faithfully.

Membership Qualifications: A councilor should:

- Demonstrate that his/her faith is alive and active;
- Regard the sacramental life of the Church as essential to his/her faith;
- Have demonstrated commitment to the parish community;

- Be committed to spiritual growth;
- Be willing to develop skills in Christian leadership;
- Be able to commit time and energy to the consultation process.