



St. Mary – Holy Cross Parish Council
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Name: _____ Address: _____

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Please complete the following questionnaire and mail/deliver back to the St. Mary – Holy Cross Church via the self-addressed envelope that is provided or email to Barb Liske at bliske@saintmaryhc.org.

(You can use the back of this application or use separate pieces of paper as needed to address the questions.)

Biography:

Include a short biography of who you are. This is not intended to be a resume of your successes or projects completed; but more of a description of yourself, your family, and your spiritual life. This is our opportunity to get to know more about you. (Note: Please only share what you are comfortable providing to multiple individuals.)

Topics You Might Include:

- How did you come to be a member of St. Mary - Holy Cross Catholic Parish?
- Why are you interested in being a member of the Parish Council?
- What do you do for a living?
- What hobbies/activities do you enjoy when you have free time?
- We always learn something new every day. What are things that you wish you knew more about?

Stewardship Characteristics: Faith

Give a description of the way(s) prayer and the Eucharist are meaningful in your life.

What have been some examples of God working in your life?



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How will serving on the Parish Council help you to grow in your faith?

Stewardship Characteristics: Time

Membership on the Parish Council requires a donation of your time to help guide and serve our parish. The Parish Council normally meets on the second Tuesday of every month. Are you able to commit to regularly attending these meetings? If necessary, do you have the resources available to attend the meeting either over the phone or through a virtual setting?

Yes: No:

Parish Council communication is via email. Does this form of contact work for you?

Yes: No:

Stewardship Characteristics: Talents

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Peter, 4:10).

As Peter indicated, God has given each of us gifts or talents that those around us may not share. Some of us are great communicators, others understand math and finance. Running a Catholic parish requires all these talents.

What talents would you bring to the St. Mary - Holy Cross Parish Council?

If those talents are your strengths, what are your weaknesses and how do you respond when you come face to face with those weaknesses?



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Every year, Catholic parishes are faced with challenging and uncomfortable circumstances, and as a member of the Parish Council, you may have to make decisions that not everyone will agree with. What types of conflicts/challenges have you had to deal with in the past? How did you approach these?

Looking back at your life, what challenge(s) have occurred that, in time, turned out to be moments of grace? What did you learn about yourself after you faced those challenges?

Example Scenario: Please read the scenario below and respond to the questions.

You are currently a member of bi-lingual parish with a growing Hispanic population. As a Council, you need to help ensure that both the growing Hispanic population and the existing English population are being actively engaged.

How is God calling us to embrace this blended identity and grow together as a parish?

What do you feel are the positives/negatives of this new, collaborated parish?

What “forces” are at work in this community that may not have been alluded to above? If possible, how can we learn more about these “forces”?
