

§1400 PARISH PASTORAL COUNCILS

§1401 IN GENERAL

1401.1. Policy Every parish in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois shall have a Parish Pastoral Council.¹

1401.2. Policy Each Parish Pastoral Council shall operate and serve its parish according to the Parish Pastoral Council Norms.

1401.3. Policy The Parish Pastoral Council Norms may be amended only through the processes in Book I, §100 Policies and Policy Development.

§1402 PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NORMS

1402.1. Policy The purpose of the Parish Pastoral Council shall be to engage the people and the pastor/parochial administrator prayerfully in common reflection about the parish's mission and the ministry, to plan, and to evaluate in light of the Gospel and church teaching.

1402.2. Policy The Parish Pastoral Council shall be responsible for pastoral planning, including periodic reevaluation of the parish mission statement, ongoing needs assessment, defining parish goals, setting broad strategies for implementing those goals, and evaluating the parish's success in carrying out the Church's mission.

¹ "In accordance with canon 536 and as regulated by diocesan policies and procedures, every parish shall have a pastoral council, which is advisory to the pastor". **2017 Diocesan Synodal Statues, Part II, Chapter II, Article 2 Pastors, Statute #45.** Where a parish has a Parochial Administrator he enjoys the same rights, obligations and responsibilities.

1402.3. Policy The Parish Pastoral Council shall be composed of members of the parish pastoral staff and members of the parish and shall be presided over by the pastor/parochial administrator.

1402.4. Policy Members of the Parish Pastoral Council shall work together in making decisions after prayerful discernment, study and discussion.

1402.5. Policy The Parish Finance Council shall not be a part of the Parish Pastoral Council. Cf. Book V, §2000.

1402.6. Policy Because the parochial school and religious education program are integral parts of the ministerial life of the entire parish, they shall be accountable to the overall parish goals and objectives in the same way as all other areas of parish life.