

Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church

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Most Holy Trinity Pastoral Council Charter

With the love of our Lord Jesus Christ as an example and the power of the Holy Spirit to guide us, we, the Pastoral Council of Most Holy Trinity Parish in Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, shall abide by and commit ourselves to the following charter. This is our pledge to work together collaboratively to continue bringing about the coming of the Kingdom of God. It is our hope that as we adopt these activities of discipleship, we will model what Jesus asked for in the gospel of John (13:35), that others shall know we are his disciples by our love for one another. Therefore, we shall adopt and commit ourselves to the following:

- *Being open minded and working for the good of the parish;*
- *Respecting each other's opinions and remaining committed to the dialogue;*
- *Understanding the process of team building and seeking more to understand and less to be understood;*
- *Regularly attending all scheduled pastoral council meetings;*
- *Being prepared for meetings and sharing information in a timely fashion;*
- *Monitoring our behavior and its impact upon the group, always striving for honest charitable interchange;*
- *Handling conflicts respectfully, never losing sight of the integrity of our fellow council members;*
- *Bringing conflicts of a "one-on-one" nature between the council members to the group only as a last resort;*
- *Bringing our spirituality to bear upon the ministries we have been entrusted to serve;*
- *Discerning the will of Jesus Christ in our lives and ministries and setting time aside in our agenda for discerning prayer;*
- *Fully, actively, and consciously participating at all council meetings and whenever support is needed;*
- *Sharing our thoughts, opinions and disagreements so as to serve each other and the greater good;*
- *Sharing our faith through prayer and reflection as we gather for council meetings and other liturgical and para-liturgical celebrations; and*
- *Proposing a suggestion to resolve complaints and criticism and being willing to work together on a realistic solution.*

These dynamics of our work together and love of one another shall be considered "a work in progress", always open to renewal and clarification, allowing for additions and subtractions, based upon the collective wisdom of the Pastoral Council and the grace of God.

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