

St. Mary Parish Spirituality Commission

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Organization: The Spirituality Commission consists of the Spirituality Director, the Youth Ministry Director, representatives from the organizations which comprise the Commission, and liaisons from other spirituality organizations.



Leadership: The Spirituality Director is the executive officer of the Spirituality Commission, under whose leadership the adult formation and sacramental preparation ministries are coordinated. The activities of Youth Ministry are coordinated by the Youth Ministry Director, under the supervision of the Spirituality Director.

Members: Commission members are discerned each year by the participants in each ministry that comprises the Spirituality Commission, through a process that is conducted by the Spirituality Director. Liaisons are selected each year by the Spirituality Director. Each May, the members and liaisons are chosen for the coming year. All commission members and liaisons work closely under the leadership of the Spirituality Director. Just as the Pastoral Council serves in a consultative role to the Pastor, the members of the Spirituality Commission serve in a consultative role to the Spirituality Director.

Officers: Under the leadership of the Spirituality Director, the Spirituality Commission discerns a Pastoral Council representative, a commission chairperson, and a commission secretary. These commission officers assist the Spirituality Director in planning, leading, and keeping minutes for the commission meetings. The term for the Pastoral Council representative is for two years. The other officers serve for renewable one year terms. However, after any representative to the commission has served for two consecutive years, further discernment is required for each additional year on the commission. Care must be taken to avoid over-involvement and burn-out among parishioners who may be overextended with multiple ministries. Please consult the Pastoral Council Charter for more information about membership on parish commissions.

Meetings: The Spirituality Commission usually meets each month, except during the summer. These meetings promote communication and the coordination of all spirituality programs and ministries. The Commission members also attend general Parish Leadership Meetings, as scheduled by the Pastoral Council throughout the year.

Action Plans: The annual action plans and yearly calendar of events are prepared by the commission each spring and summer. These annual strategic plans are then considered by the Pastoral Council for final approval, along with the annual strategic plans of all the other commissions, to establish a common purpose for the whole parish community.