

§1900 PARISH PASTORAL COUNCILS

§1901 IN GENERAL

1901.1. Policy Every parish in the Archdiocese of Chicago shall have a Parish Pastoral Council.

1901.2. Policy Each Parish Pastoral Council shall operate and serve its parish according to the Parish Pastoral Council Norms.

Note

As of the effective date of these policies and procedures, the current Parish Pastoral Council Norms were created on January 15, 1989 and confirmed by Archbishop George on May 8, 1997.

1901.3. Policy The Parish Pastoral Council Norms may be amended only through the processes in Book I, §100 Policies and Policy Development.

§1902 PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NORMS

1902.1. Policy The purpose of the Parish Pastoral Council shall be to engage the people and the pastor 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.

1902.2. 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.

1902.3. 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.

1902.4. Policy Members of the Parish Pastoral Council shall work together in making decisions after prayerful discernment, study and discussion.

1902.5. Policy The Parish Pastoral Council shall establish at least four commissions or similar structures to cover the following areas: (1) parish spiritual life; (2) Catholic education; (3) human concerns; and (4) parish life.

1902.6. Policy The Parish Finance Council shall not be a part of the Parish Pastoral Council. Cf. Book V, §2000.

1902.7. 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.

1902.8. Policy The policies in §02 shall be implemented in accord with the Parish Pastoral Councils Norms and Theological Reflections, which were published on January 15, 1989.