

Statement of Interest in Our Lady of Grace Pastoral Council - 2011

Dear fellow-parishioners of Our Lady of Grace, and Fr. Vin:

I would like to express my interest in discerning whether I should become a member of our Pastoral Council. I understand that I may come to serve based on my own and others' discernment of what is best for our parish. I also understand that only nine parishioners will serve.

By returning this I affirm that:

- I am a fully-initiated Roman Catholic (have received Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion) in good standing;
- I am registered as a parishioner, and worship on Sundays, at Our Lady of Grace;
- I seek to live my Christian commitment each day by observing the two Great Commandments of love of God and neighbor;
- I support wholeheartedly the mission of our parish;
- I understand that the Council has an advisory role to the pastor, and that parish activities are ultimately under the direction of the diocesan bishop;
- I have no potential conflicts of interest that may arise from a family or vendor relationship to the parish or any of its employees; and

I further affirm that, should I be selected,

- I shall make the Council my primary (not necessarily sole) focus in stewardship of time and talent in the parish;
- I shall seek what is best for the parish as a whole, rather than that of any subgroup, interest, ministry, or activity;
- I shall fulfill to the best of my ability my responsibilities to monthly meetings and to any other necessary tasks; and
- I am committed to learning how to collaborate effectively with other Council members, with ministry staff, and with all parishioners.

I agree that my interest may be made public to parishioners, and ask the prayer of the parish as we seek to choose a Council to continue the parish's mission.

Name (Please print)

Telephone number

Street Address

Town, State, Zip

E-mail

Parish Envelope Number

Signature

Date

Please return this with a Letter of Interest describing your relevant experience, your vision for the parish's future, and the contribution you hope to make to the Council should you be appointed. Letters should be no more than two pages.

Return all materials to the parish office no later than 5pm on Monday, May 9, 2011.