

Cluster 21 Transitional Pastoral Council

The Cluster 21 Transitional Pastoral Council is a consultative body to the pastors of the parishes of Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Sacred Heart / St. Dominic, Saint Christopher, Saint Louis, and Saint Peter. It assists them in promoting the unity of the Catholic Community of the Portland Peninsula and the Islands of Portland Harbor. It will remain established until a single pastor is appointed for Cluster 21 and a single pastoral council and finance council are established according to Diocesan guidelines.

The Cluster 21 Transitional Pastoral Council

1. identifies the pastoral needs of the cluster keeping in mind the unique heritage of each of the five parishes;
2. studies and prays about how to meet those needs;
3. prioritizes those needs through reflection and eventual consensus
4. recommends to the pastors a course of action as annual goals
5. reviews, evaluates, and amends goals annually keeping in mind the entire faith community

The Cluster 21 Transitional Pastoral Council is comprised of active faith filled members of each parish within the cluster. Members are faithful stewards who encourage and assist the people of God in discerning the mission of Jesus for the cluster in this time and place. The council will have two representatives for each parish. Terms will be three years with staggered departures. Individuals can serve a maximum of two consecutive three-year terms. They may return after a break of at least one year. A chairperson and communications facilitator will be selected annually from among the council members in their second or third year of service. A vice-chair will be selected to facilitate meetings in the absence of the chair. The pastors, parochial vicar(s), and the principal of Cathedral School will be appointed Ex-Officio.

The Cluster 21 Transitional Pastoral Council will meet monthly, September through June, with an annual retreat day in June to evaluate progress toward goals.

January 13, 2008

Mission Statement

The Pastoral Council of Cluster 21 commits to be:

1. A consultative body to the Pastor, comprised of active, faith-filled members of each Parish within the Cluster;
2. Promoters of Christian Community and Unity;
3. Identifiers of the pastoral needs of the Cluster while recognizing and appreciating the distinct heritage of the individual parishes; and
4. Faithful stewards in studying and praying about how to prioritize and meet those needs through reflection and eventual consensus
5. Faithful in encouraging and assisting the people of God in discerning the mission of Jesus for their Cluster in this time and place.
6. Faithful in reviewing, evaluating, and amending goals annually, keeping in mind the entire faith community.

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