

Good Characteristics for Members of a Pastoral Council

Whether you are establishing a new council or replacing existing members, there are certain characteristics to look for when discerning members for your Pastoral Council. Members who possess these characteristics increase the chance of a council's success.

- Desire for spiritual growth for self and parish
- Enthusiasm for future of the parish
- Eagerness to facilitate parish decision about the direction of the parish
- Flexibility and openness with people and ideas
- Capacity to listen outweighs the need to speak
- Recognizing and accepting insights of others
- Integrity in articulating what one has heard and what one believes
- Patience and tenacity to stay with a topic for a long time if necessary
- Courage to work toward consensus
- Ability to inspire and empower
- Willingness to delegate