



WOMEN RELIGIOUS DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINEE BACKGROUND AND NOMINEE INFORMATION FORM

Dear Sister,

The Vicar for Women Religious nominated you, and two other sisters, to be considered for appointment by Bishop Blaire as a member on the Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC). This packet gives you some basic information.

You are asked to complete and return the Nominee Information Form found at the end of this document to Bishop Blaire by November 20, 2006. **If you have any questions, please contact me, Sr. Barbara Thiella, Chancellor for the Diocese of Stockton, 209-466-0636 or bthiella@stocktondiocese.org.**

Information included in this packet

- DPC Mission Statement
- DPC Member Appointment Process
- DPC Member Personal Attributes and Qualifications
- DPC Job Description
- Milestones
- Nominee Information Form (**This form is also found on the Diocesan website** under Offices, Diocesan Pastoral Council, www.stocktondiocese.org).

DIOCESEAN PASTORAL COUNCIL MISSION

The Pastoral Council for the Diocese of Stockton is a consultative body that studies and reflects on pastoral matters and makes recommendations to the Bishop in response to the Diocesan Synod and other significant pastoral issues.

DIOCESEAN PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBER APPOINTMENT PROCESS

The Diocesan Pastoral Council is a body of 12 to 20 people, made up primarily from the laity. One priest, one deacon and one woman religious will be appointed from a slate presented to the Bishop from the Presbyteral Council, the Deacon Board and the Vicar for Women Religious respectively. As resource to the DPC, the Bishop will appoint Consultants.

One member is nominated from each of the deaneries (8 members) by consideration for appointment by the Bishop. The Bishop will appoint up to 9 additional lay members from Deanery nominations, Synod participants, suggestions from collaborative ministry staff, recommendations from administrative team, personal knowledge, and other sources.

The first DPC will serve staggered terms, chosen randomly, for 1, 2, and 3 years with a maximum tenure of 2 terms. All DPC members and consultants are appointed by the Bishop and serve at the pleasure of the Bishop.

Method for Women Religious Nominations from the Diocese of Stockton to be presented to the Bishop

- By November 8, the Vicar for Women Religious will present 3 names with reasons from the general body of women religious in the Diocese for consideration by Bishop Blaire
- Nominees are asked to complete written Nominee Information Form and submit it to Bishop Blaire by November 20, 2006
- In December, 2006, the Bishop will appoint one woman religious to the Diocesan Pastoral Council

DPC MEMBER PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES AND QUALIFICATIONS

Specifically, the DPC membership will be drawn from Deacons in the Diocese who have all the following attributes

- Are willing to participate fully
- Are able to work collaboratively
- Bring a common interest in the work of the Church versus bringing a special focus
- Care about and are involved in the Church
- Bring depth and wisdom
- Possess the ability to offer practical solutions
- Have good communication skills
- Are computer literate and have access to and working knowledge of email
- Are proficient in English (speaking and reading)

MEETING DATES

DPC members *must* commit to make every effort to attend all meetings.

Meetings held from 9 to 4 on Saturdays. Childcare will be provided	
03/10/07	All day orientation and retreat for members and consultants (maximum of 35 persons); St. Michael's Stockton
06/16/07	DPC meeting, Modesto
10/13/07	DPC meeting, Mother Lode
01/12/08	DPC meeting, Stockton
Ongoing	The DPC will meet three times per year. Bishop Blaire will designate the 2008 meetings at least 9 months in advance

DPC MEMBER JOB DESCRIPTION

As membership on the Diocesan Pastoral Council is an office in the Church, all members and consultants will receive a letter of appointment by the Bishop.

General Expectations

- Know DPC's mission and purpose
- Abide by policies that support an effective and collaborative operation of the DPC
- Contribute to vitality of DPC by bringing courtesy and creativity, tact and good will
- Maintain an awareness of current trends and issues that affect the church and the community
- Remain updated on trends in the DPC's fields of interest and be aware of the needs of those served by the DPC
- Actively participate in DPC discussions
- Be open to leadership roles in DPC

Meeting Requirements

- Be well informed and prepared for meetings
- Regularly attend and actively participate in scheduled DPC meetings, committee meetings and additional events as appropriate
- Make every effort to be punctual and to stay for whole meeting
- Communicate responsibly about absences
- Ask timely and substantive questions while supporting efforts to reach a consensus
- Maintain confidentiality of executive sessions
- Participate in DPC retreats, planning sessions, DPC development workshops

Communion and Participation

- Serve the good of the whole church rather than special interest groups within it
- Be committed to building the unity of the whole church
- Be committed to openness and clarity, integrity and objectivity

WOMEN RELIGIOUS - DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL
NOMINEE INFORMATION FORM

Please submit this completed form **by November 20, 2006** to Bishop Blaire. This form is also **found on the Diocesan website** (www.stocktondiocese.org) under Offices, Diocesan Pastoral Council.

You can submit this form by mail to 1105 N. Lincoln St., Stockton, CA 95203, fax (209/464.3775) or email to nguyen@stocktondiocese.org.

PART I: PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION

Name:						Parish:					
<i>Optional</i>	<i>Age:</i>		<i>Ethnicity:</i>								
Phone	Home:		Office:				Cell:				
	Fax :		Email:								
Address	Home:										
	Office:										
Work	Business Name:										
	Your Title:										
Contact	Please call me at (<u>check one</u>)			Home		Office		Cell			
	Please send materials to (<u>check one</u>)			Home		Office					

PART II: QUALIFYING INFORMATION

I am available to attend all-day Diocesan Pastoral Council Meetings on (please ✓)			
	03/10/07 (Stockton)		06/16/07 (Modesto)
	10/13/07 (Mother Lode)		01/12/08 (Stockton)

Check the personal attributes and qualifications you possess. I....	
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possess the ability to offer practical solutions
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PART II: QUALIFYING INFORMATION (continued)

List your recent involvement as a Woman Religious with Church activities.

List, in a concise manner, any expertise that you will bring to the Diocesan Pastoral Council. (If you have a professional resume, please attach it)

What attracts you to participate in the Diocesan Pastoral Council?

What are three strong skills you will bring to the Council?

Elaborate on anything else that you would like to share.
