

Holy Redeemer Parish Advisory Bodies: An Overview

Holy Redeemer Parish currently has three consultative bodies: Finance Commission, Stewardship Commission, and Building Committee. Each is advisory: the pastor is canonically charged with responsibility for the direction of a parish while the consultative bodies are a means by which the pastor shares responsibility in decision making by seeking their consultation and advice. The term commission is generally used for groups that are ongoing whereas committees might be of a more temporary period and directed to a particular project.

One element of the advisory task is the gathering and ordering of data to assist in the decision making process. Members play a key role in assisting with the gathering of such information. When information has been sufficiently gathered, members deliberate particular questions and seek to arrive at a consensus as to what the pastor ought to decide for the good of the parish.

WHO IS A CHRISTIAN STEWARD?

*ONE WHO RECEIVES
GOD'S GIFTS
GRATEFULLY,*



*CHERISHES AND TENDS THEM
IN A RESPONSIBLE AND
ACCOUNTABLE MANNER,*



*SHARES THEM IN
JUSTICE AND LOVE
WITH OTHERS,*



*AND RETURNS THEM
WITH INCREASE
TO THE LORD.*

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PARISH ADVISORY BODIES



HOLY REDEEMER CATHOLIC PARISH

Opportunities

Finance Commission: The Parish Finance Commission provides the pastor with advice concerning the stewardship of parish fiscal resources. It assists the pastor by conducting long-range financial planning with regard to funding operational and capital needs; developing and overseeing a budget process which results in the annual parish budget; providing financial analysis of current fiscal status reports; and providing fiscal analysis of proposed goals, strategies and programs. The commission also assists in promoting and facilitating an effective stewardship program, and may recommend whether resources are available for one pastoral endeavor or another, but does not recommend which endeavor might be selected. An ad hoc committee exists that works with revenue enhancement. Candidates should have a background in accounting, finance or some management position that included budgeting responsibilities. Monthly meetings last approximately 90 minutes.

Building Committee: The Parish Building Committee advises the pastor on initial decisions regarding the future building plans of the parish: when a pastoral council is established, the committee will make recommendations to the council to assist it in its responsibility to advise the pastor.

Among the initial tasks of the Building Committee are gaining de-

tailed familiarity with the policy and procedures of the Archdiocese of Seattle with regard to building projects; identifying the full spectrum of facilities to be planned for a fully developed parish; facilitating parish wide education and input on long term parish facility needs; and assisting in the selection of an architectural firm to draft a site plan for the future building site.

After the parish has raised funds and demonstrated the ability to finance a particular building project, the committee will make recommendations to the pastor, pastoral council and pertinent archdiocesan entities regarding architect selection, design process and method, selection of a contractor and project budget, and assist in monitoring the design and construction processes. Members have varied life experiences, many with some construction background.

Stewardship Commission: The Parish Stewardship Commission is the newest advisory body, not only at Holy Redeemer but at most Catholic parishes. An active, praying Stewardship Commission assists the pastor in the ongoing education and commitment of parishioners to a stewardship way of life: recognizing God as the origin of life, the giver of freedom, the source of all they have and are and will be. Members of the commission are spiritually motivated, exemplify and live out stewardship, and envision where stewardship can take the parish. They understand that the term “Stewardship” is not equivalent to “Sacrificial Giving”, that its purest definition has implications far beyond mere financial considerations.

Please indicate your Area of interest by checking the activity listed below:



- FINANCE COMMISSION
- BUILDING COMMITTEE
- STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION

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- MORNINGS
- AFTERNOONS
- EVENINGS
- WEEKENDS
- EMAIL IS BEST