

**St. Nicholas Pastoral Council Application-2011  
Requirement**

**Baptized Catholic who is an active, registered, financial supporter of St. Nicholas parish, in residence at least ten months of the year and at least 16 years of age.**

Term: Three years

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Personal

Member of the parish since: \_\_\_\_\_

I have been Confirmed (Y or N): \_\_\_\_\_

Education: \_\_\_\_\_

Status: \_\_\_\_\_

Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Student (specify school): \_\_\_\_\_

Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Please respond to the following on an attached sheet of paper. Include name and limit your typed/ handwritten responses to one to two paragraphs each:

1. Please elaborate on past or present parish-based activities and your commitment level to each. (Examples: committee membership, Folk Group/Choir, Summer Bible School, Fall Festival, classroom instructor, Eucharistic minister, Confirmation sponsor, bible study, etc.)
2. Please answer the same for any faith-based activities in the community.
3. What talents, skills or expertise gained from your employment and/or volunteer background would you bring as a Council member?
4. Why do you wish to become a Pastoral Council member?

**Please return this two-sided form and attachment to the Parish Office by March 31, 2011**

Forms may be mailed or delivered to: St. Nicholas Church  
Pastoral Council Membership  
712 Little Neck Road  
Virginia Beach, VA 23452

Forms may also be faxed to (757) 340-2727, or emailed as PDFs to [stnicholas@stnicholasvb.org](mailto:stnicholas@stnicholasvb.org). Please follow-up with the parish office in one week if you do not receive confirmation of your application receipt.

## PASTORAL COUNCIL

The mission of the St. Nicholas Pastoral Council is to dedicate our talents and time as an advisory body to the Pastor and to call the community of the parish to grow in Christian faith together by seeking God's vision

- focusing on love of God and neighbor ;
- transmitting our Christian faith tradition to the next generation; and
- bringing the Good News into the communities where we live through cooperation with other faith traditions.

**The Council** enacts this vision by acting on behalf of the general Parish membership in collaboration with the Pastor on a wide range of issues. The Council has a role in coordinating Parish activities, working with other religious and civic groups to identify and respond to those in need, and identifying and responding to the spiritual and temporal needs of Parish members.

**The Council** consists of elected and appointed parishioners, and the Chairs of standing committees. Elected members serve a term of three years while appointed members serve one year terms at the discretion of the Pastor. Appointed positions assure that vital areas of parish life and ministry are represented. The Pastor, Deacon, Parochial Vicar, and Pastoral Associate are voting members of the Council. The Council meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 in the parish Commons.

**Council meetings** are open to all parishioners in an effort to promote transparency and communication, and to hear directly the concerns and issues of our Parish members. Annual elections for at-large Council positions with a term of three years are conducted on a rotating basis.

We encourage you to prayerfully consider serving our parish as a Pastoral Council member by completing this election application form. Please direct any questions to Election Committee members Carolyn Rye (306-9762; [ctr81@aol.com](mailto:ctr81@aol.com)), or Dolores Machik (486-4889; [dmachik@cox.net](mailto:dmachik@cox.net)).