



# Mission of St. Mary Magdalen Parish

*ST. MARY MAGDALEN CATHOLIC PARISH IS A EUCHARISTIC COMMUNITY THAT PLACES GOD FIRST IN ALL THINGS  
AND COMES TOGETHER AS FAMILY TO LOVE AS CHRIST LOVES AND SERVE AS CHRIST SERVES.*

## St. Mary Magdalen's Council & Commission Application Form

Please complete the form below to assist you, the Pastor and Discernment Team in the joint effort to prayerfully discern the call to pastoral leadership (membership on a Council or Commission) at St. Mary Magdalen Parish. Thank you!

Please complete the form below and return it to the Parish office by Monday, August 17, 2015. If you need additional sheets, please attach.

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

Phone Number: (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

### ST. MARY MAGDALEN CONSULTATIVE BODIES (COUNCILS & COMMISSIONS)

"It is the role of the Christian faithful to carry out the mission of the Church in the world, and therefore all parishioners share the responsibility for that mission with the pastor. They are called to be responsible stewards of the resources of time, talent and treasure given to them and to the parish. The pastor, by way of appointment as well as ordination, exercises a central leadership role in the parish. Using a model of servant leadership, he seeks to build a unified faith community and to be a link to the larger Church. He is responsible for parish governance and therefore provides leadership for the Pastoral Council, Finance Council, Stewardship Council, Corporal Works of Mercy Commission, School Commission, Spiritual Works of Mercy Commission and Worship Commission as well as the parish staff in accord with Diocesan and universal Church guidelines.

The **Pastoral Council** is responsible for the visioning, planning and development of all St. Mary Magdalen ministries and programs, while the **Finance Council** is responsible for overseeing the resources of the parish (financial, human, computer and other temporal resources) to be used to carry out the vision and direction set by the Pastoral Council.

**The Commissions** are responsible for planning and development in a particular ministry, in light of the vision and direction set by the Pastoral Council.

**The nine basic responsibilities of all Consultative Bodies** at St. Mary Magdalen are: 1) Prayer, 2) Determine the ministry area's mission and vision, 3) Support the pastor and staff, 4) Ensure effective strategic planning, 5) Ensure adequate resources, 6) Manage resources effectively, 7) Determine and monitor the ministry area's programs and services, 8) Promoting the parish's public presence, 9) Assess its own performance."

Application and three-year commitment required. Training and leadership development for all members is provided and required in the Fall of each year. Each council or commission meets either monthly or quarterly September through June. See the enclosed sheet entitled "Pastoral Leadership Discernment Process" for gifts and qualifications needed.

Those who serve on a council or commission need to be a "**partner in our mission**", which includes attending Eucharist weekly with our community, committed to personal spiritual growth, serving in one or more ministries in the parish, and financially support the mission and ministries of the entire parish through the Sunday and Holyday envelopes on a regular basis (weekly giving). Every Fall, each partner household makes a sacrificial, financial pledge to support God's work at St. Mary Magdalen for the coming year. They fulfill their pledge throughout the following calendar year.

Are you willing to make a 3-year commitment to participate? Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, how long of a commitment are you able to make? \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been an active participating member of St. Mary Magdalen Parish? \_\_\_\_\_ (years) \_\_\_\_\_ (months)

What Mass community do you most often attend? (please circle)

- ☐ Sat. 5:00 p.m. ☐ 7:00 p.m. (Spanish) ☐ 12:00 p.m. ☐ 5:30 p.m.  
☐ Sun. 8:00 a.m. ☐ 10:00 a.m.

How often do you attend Mass at St. Mary Magdalen? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been baptized and confirmed (or fully-initiated) in the Roman Catholic Church? Yes ☐ No ☐

Do you financially support the parish ministries, making an annual commitment each Fall? Yes ☐ No ☐

Are you an employee of St. Mary Magdalen Church, School or Early Learning Center? Yes ☐ No ☐

Is a member of your family an employee of St. Mary Magdalen Church, School or Early Learning Center? Yes ☐ No ☐

Who is the employee and what is your relation to the employee? \_\_\_\_\_

Does your employer provide paid contractual services to St. Mary Magdalen Church, School, or Early Learning Center? Yes ☐ No ☐

Are you interested in serving in a particular council or commission (you may check more than one)? ☐ **Pastoral Council** (requires previous service on a Council or Commission) ☐ **Finance Council** (requires previous service on a Council or Commission) ☐ **Stewardship Council** ☐ **Corporal Works of Mercy Commission** ☐ **School Commission** ☐ **Spiritual Works of Mercy Commission** ☐ **Worship Commission** ☐ **Wherever the Holy Spirit Needs Me.**

As a member of a Council or Commission at St. Mary Magdalen, how would you see yourself making our parish mission statement (stated at the top of this application) real at St. Mary Magdalen Parish?

Discuss your parish involvement (past and present – please include the council and commission you previously served on and the dates of your service).

What gifts and talents will you bring to pastoral leadership, including your personal and professional qualifications?

Why would you like to be a member of a Council/Commission and how do you see your role as a pastoral leader?

Explain how you value prayer, study, listening and dialogue.

A major goal of our parish is to live Stewardship as a way of life. Describe your comfort level with stewardship in regards to funding the ministries of the Church?

If you could make one positive change in the ministries of St. Magdalen Parish, it would be to . . . .

What issues or concerns in the parish do you feel needs to address during the coming year?

One other thing I'd like to say . . .