

Parish Councils Congress Effective Councils: Mission, Structure, Resources

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Our Mission through Baptism





"Different members of the Body of Christ, each with his own unique gifts, charism, vocation, or state in life, must learn to work in concert in service to the mission for which we all share responsibility by virtue of our Baptism."

- Stephen P. White The Catholic Thing



"This is the idea behind synodality at its best: strengthen communion through broad participation for the sake of mission."

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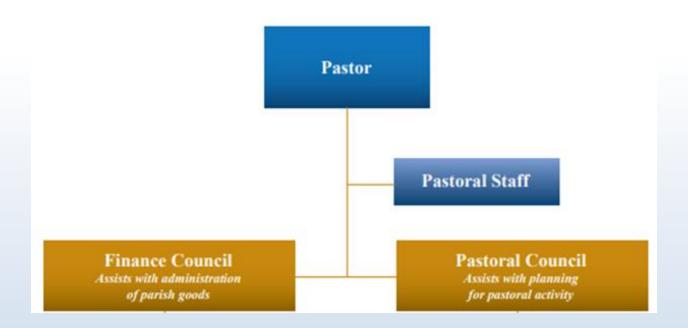


Ignite, Renew and Energize Christ's Mission Everyday

- We are called to leadership
- We are sent to carry out the mission of Jesus and the Church
- The Church is organized to carry out the mission

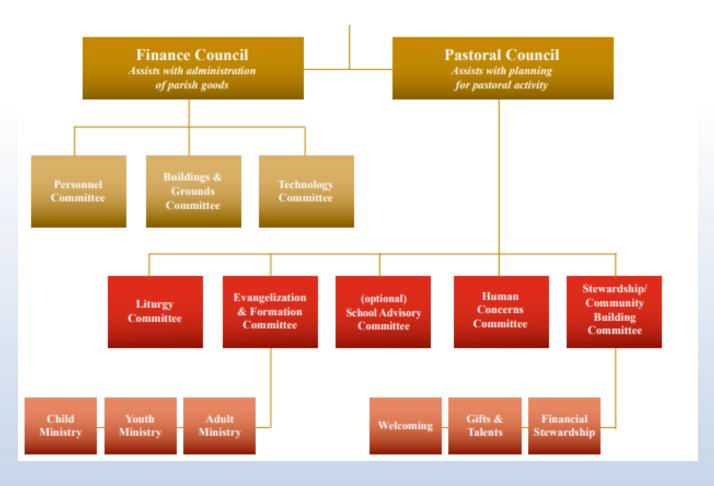


Parish Organizational Chart



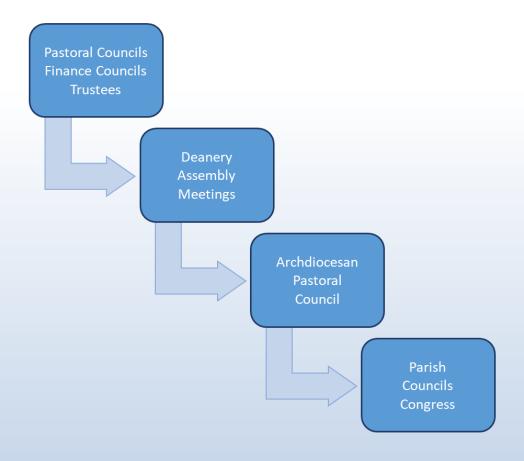


Councils Organizational Chart





Councils and the Archdiocese





Purpose of Finance Council

The Council makes sure there are funds to carry out the mission.

- 1. Provides advice and guidance to the pastor on administration of parish assets
- 2. Prepares budgets and reviews financial statements
- 3. Monitors financial condition of the parish
 - Regular financial reviews and audits
 - Internal financial controls
- 4. Reviews indebtedness
- 5. Assists with an annual financial report to the parish



Purpose of Pastoral Council

The Council makes sure Christ's mission is being carried out and that parishioners' faith needs are being met.

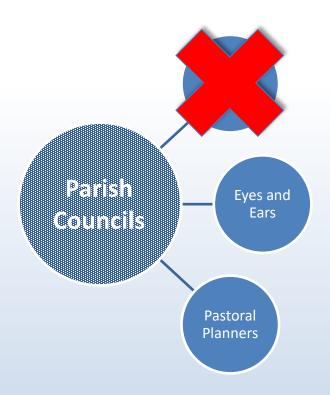
- 1. Fulfill the pastoral mission of Jesus
- 2. Builds a community of disciples
- 3. Engages in a continuous process of pastoral planning

What Councils Do





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What Councils Do

- Understand the Pastor's vision
- Missionary planning:
 - Formation
 - Share your vision, share it with others
 - Community needs, research
 - Reflect on new initiatives
 - Recommend priorities
- Recruit more leaders
- Plan for sustainability

Qualities of Effective Council Members

- Diversity reflect the diversity of the larger community
- Gifts, talents talents for advising, advocating, accomplishing
- Spirituality, passion deep personal commitment to active prayer and faith

Finding Council Members

- Build relationships
- Nominations
- Elections vs discernment
- Build relationships!

Parish Council "Best Practices"

- Pastor and Council collaborate
- Council is an active part of the parish
- Council is action and change oriented
- Meetings are effective, efficient
- Members are formed, filled with the Spirit

Vibrant parishes have vibrant pastoral councils.

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How vibrant is your council?

What is one significant accomplishment of your council in the past year?

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What is one goal of your council this year that all council members are aware of?

Color Outside the Box

- Inspire vision
- Allow creativity
- Be innovative
- Have faith



Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen.

Hebrews 11:1

Ask Big Questions Strategize Accordingly

- How are our people being served?
- Who are we not reaching?
- How can we serve better in this area?
- Have our neighborhoods changed?
- What should we be doing that we are not?



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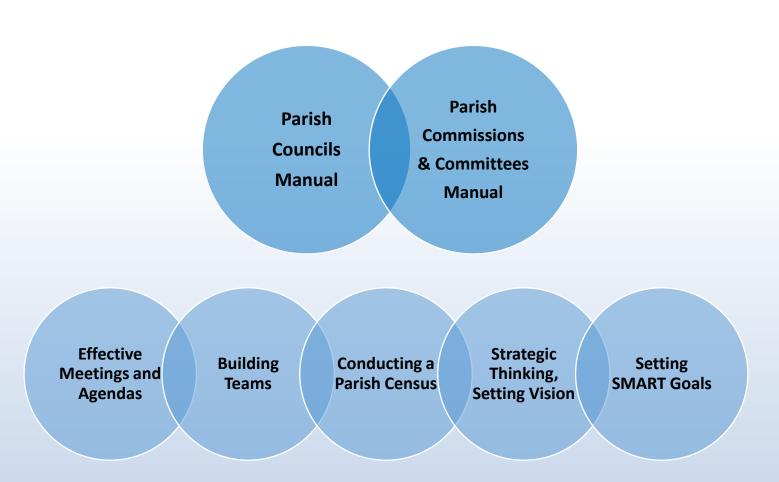
Investigate

Reflect

Recommend



Resources for Pastoral Councils



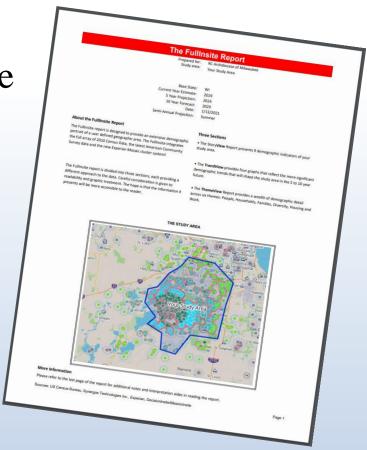




- Demographic community and parish data
- Trend data
- Available to Archdiocesan parishes <u>at no cost</u>

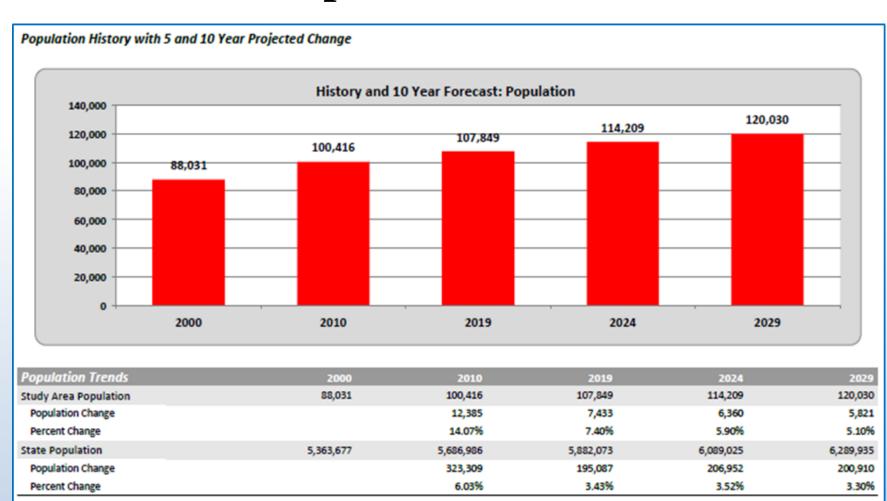
Relevant Data for Planning

- Population Trends, by Age
- Household Structure
- Economic Data
- Race/Ethnicity



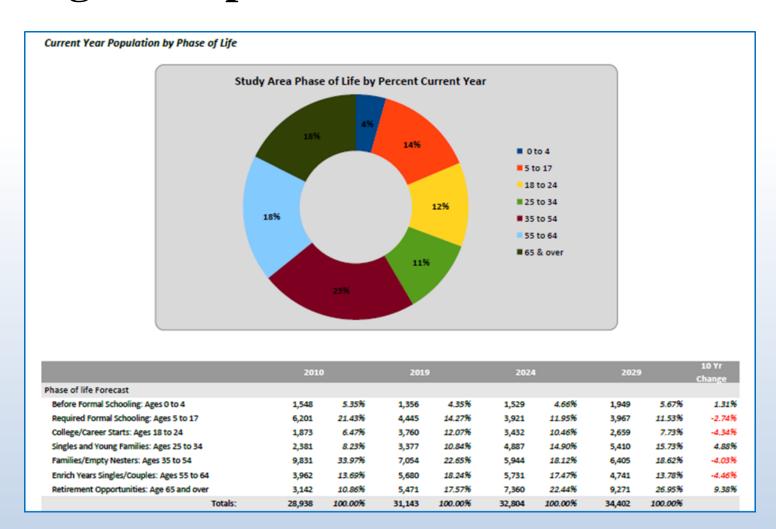


Population Trends

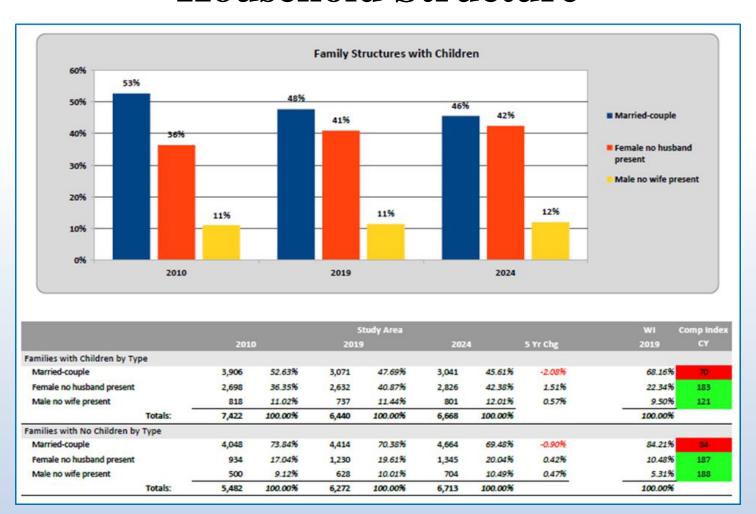




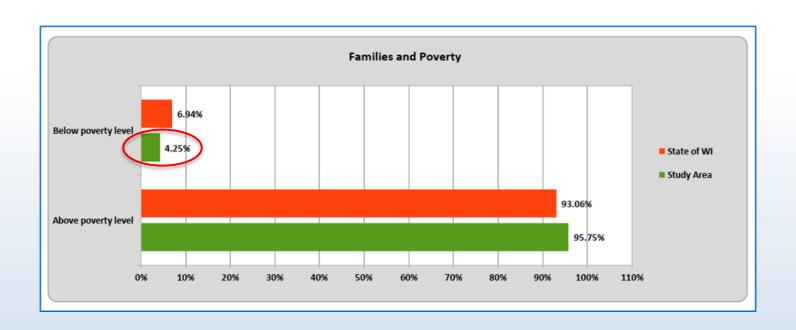
Age Group Distribution and Growth



Household Structure



Economic Data





Race/Ethnicity

	Study Area					
	2010)	2019		2024	
Racial/Ethnic Trends						
Asian (Non-Hisp)	2,374	2.68%	2,772	3.06%	3,117	3.38%
Black/African American (Non-Hisp)	14,005	15.83%	14,016	15.48%	14,014	15.20%
White (Non-Hisp)	65,747	74.30%	66,876	73.88%	67,782	73.52%
Hispanic or Latino	3,759	4.25%	4,066	4.49%	4,351	4.72%
Pac Is/Am Ind/Oth (Non-Hisp)	2,607	2.95%	2,792	3.08%	2,929	3.18%
Totals:	88,492	100.00%	90,522	100.00%	92,193	100.00%

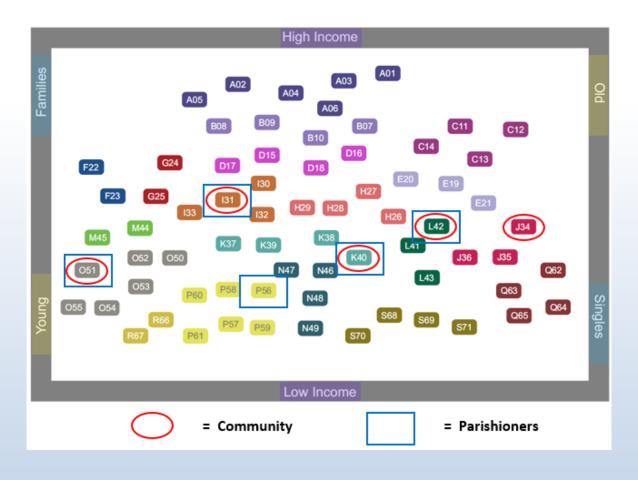
ComparativeInsite Reports

resence of a Child					
Presence of a child 0-3 years	7.0%	806	3.7%	18	5
Presence of a child 4-6 years	6.3%	724	3.8%	18	6
Presence of a child 7-9 years	7.4%	848	4.8%	23	6
Presence of a child 10-12 years	7.0%	805	4.8%	23	6
Presence of a child 13-18 years	11.9%	1,371	9.2%	44	7
	39.5%	4,553	26.3%	126	6

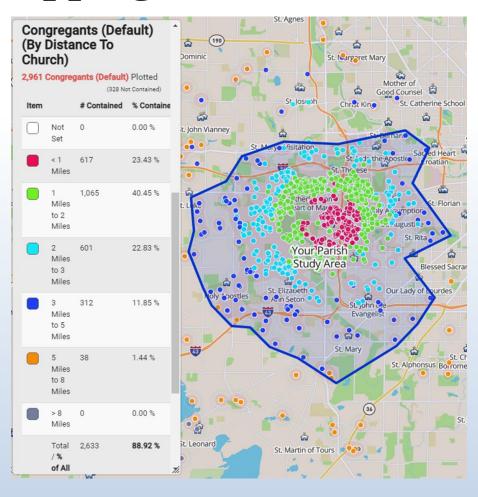
Community and Parish Comparison

Mosaic Segment	Community Composition		Mosaic Segment	Parishioner Composition
Rooted Flower Power	17%	←	Rooted Flower Power	29%
Bohemian Groove	12%	*	Hard Working Values	15%
Hard Working Values	11%	4	Digitally Savvy	9%
Suburban Sophisticates	9%		Bohemian Groove	9%
Digitally Savvy	9%		Mid-scale Medley	8%
	58%			70%

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Mapping Your Community





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Thank you!



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