

Parish Pastoral Council – Call for nominations

Following numerous retirements, I have made five appointments to the Pastoral Parish Council in recent months. I am now seeking nominations from the parish for additional council members.

1. THE ROLE OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)

The PPC works collaboratively with the Parish Priest to set the direction and the policies that guide the parish in carrying out its core functions. It also has a role in evaluating how well the parish's pastoral plans are being implemented. The PPC is supported by the Finance Committee and the Liturgy Committee. It usually meets once a month on a weekday evening, with a few strategic planning days or half days throughout the year.

2. SELECTION PROCESS

A simple election process does not easily ensure the right mix of people with an appropriate spread of skills and experience. For this reason, a pool of nominees will be sought from which a number will be chosen by a Selections Committee made up of Seletuta Visasio-Pita, Lynn Hill, and me. There is no required number; decisions on committee size and composition will depend on the nominations received and the appropriate mix of appointees.

3. NOMINATION PROCESS

Nominations are welcome from individuals or groups within worship communities. You may nominate yourself or another person. It would be helpful to have a good spread of candidates from different worship communities; however PPC members agree to represent the interests of the entire parish first and foremost. A commitment to the parish and a willingness to work as part of a team is a must.

- Nominations should be made by email to Seletuta Visasio-Pita: seletuta.pita@gmail.com.
- Nominations must be received by Friday 27th November 2020
- Emails should include:
 - a brief bio of the nominee
 - the reason why the nominee would like to join the PPC
 - an outline of previous management or governance experience, if applicable

Although we may not be able to include all nominees on the council due to size constraints, we do welcome all nominations and will endeavour to find a place on the PPC for nominees in the future or to find ways to harness nominees' talents and gifts in some other way in the parish.

4. COMMISSIONING SERVICE

It is our intention to hold a commissioning service for the entire PPC in early February and this will give you an opportunity to meet PPC members. Following this service, the Parish Pastoral Council will have a retreat to get to know each other and set priorities for the year. At this time a Chair is likely to be selected.

5. CURRENT APPOINTMENTS

The five appointments that have already been made are:

➤ **Seletuta (Tuta) Visesio-Pita**

"My name is Seletuta Visesio-Pita and I am a Samoan. My family attended SPC in the last 2.5 years and now attending SHC as it is close to where my family now live. I am married with three children, two of them are attending St. Mary's School - Yr7 & Yr 2. I served the Catholic church back in Samoa as a Parish council member for 6years and lead the parish catholic youth group. When moving to NZ with my family in 2016, I was elected as a Board Member for St. Mary's sch Hastings and actively participate in sch activities. I am the Service Manager for the Ministry of Social Development-Centralised Services Unit, Hastings. I started serving the Catholic Pastoral Council of Hastings as a member of the council in September 2019. I am keen and committed to serve the Parish and engaged with all our whanau to love and serve the Lord."

➤ **Lynn and Rob Hill**

'Hi, my name is Lynn Hill. My husband, Rob, and I moved to Hawkes Bay in 2016 and live just out of Haumoana on an Apple Orchard which is owned by our son in law & daughter. We moved to be close to our children and grandchildren. We retired as National Directors of Passionist Family Groups when we moved here in 2016, having given 28 years to the Movement, and continue to enjoy a close association with the Passionists. Rob and I are 'committed' to building community, seeing our parish as a 'family'."

➤ **Claudia Beacham**

"I was baptised as Claudia Mercedes Philadelphia Beacham, at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Paki Paki. Hawke's Bay has always been home, save for Psychology training in Palmerston North. There, I discovered the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, All Saints' Anglican Church and Central Baptist Church Chinese Community. Inspired, I received Confirmation at St Peter Chanel Hastings, 2013. Sacred Heart Hastings became my base, from which I joined Young Adults groups here, at Ascend Global Church, and Peak Vision Church. Relocating to Havelock North in June, I felt welcomed by Our Lady of Lourdes, and helped host your first Alpha. Director of post-COVID-19 outreach, Eastern Energetics, I offer Yoga, Massage, Counselling, Youth Work, and Fitness to people and their pets. Religious Arts, Ignation Spirituality, Christian Unity, and Inter-Faith Dialogue attract me to Parish Council."

➤ **Lucy Laitinen**

"My name is Lucy Laitinen and I worship at Sacred Heart with my husband Harri and two children, Mila and Max. The kids attend St Jo's. We moved down from Auckland three years ago and live just out of Havelock North. I grew up in rural Hawke's Bay, went to Sacred Heart church as a child then attended Sacred Heart College as a boarder. I am the CEO for Anglican Care Waiapu, the social services arm of the Anglican church in this region. I have never been on a parish council but am keen to help find ways for families, in particular, to engage in the life of the church. I have a strong social justice focus and would like to help the parish find new ways to engage in our community."

God Bless,

Fr Marcus, on behalf of the Parish Pastoral Council