

THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Introduction

In the 25 years since the 50th Jubilee Celebration of the Parish, in 1996, there have been some changes in the way people worship. The social environment within which religious institutions operate has seen a decrease in sizes of the congregations of the original/historic churches (e.g. Anglican, Dutch Reformed Church, Lutheran, Methodist, Roman Catholic, Zionists etc.) as more and more young people felt a need for change and find themselves attracted to the newer more charismatic churches.

For St Martin de Porres Orlando West the impact of this change has been much more noticeable at the High School (which shares the same name as the Parish) where, unlike in the past, the students do not necessarily have to belong to the Roman Catholic Religion. This dynamic has had a somewhat negative effect on the spiritual development of the Catholic youth countrywide. St Martin De Porres has been working with the Arch diocese to make the youth of the Parish feel needed i.e. that they have an important role to play in the growth of the Parish.

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) 2019-2022

Composition

The challenges facing communities as they seek to worship have had to be addressed in several ways hence the size of the current PPC, which consists of representatives of the following groups:

The PPC Executive - 8 members

Liturgy Committee - 1

Representatives of Sodalities and other groups - 7

- ❖ Catholic Women's League
- ❖ Daughters of St Anne
- ❖ Kemolo
- ❖ Sacred Heart
- ❖ St Anne
- ❖ Men's Group
- ❖ Youth Group

Representatives of geographically formed Small Christian Communities - 7

- Killarney
- Mzimhlophe
- Orlando Gardens
- Phefeni
- Phomolong
- St Theresa

➤ Zindlovini

Representatives of various portfolios - 9

- ❖ Caritas
- ❖ Catechesis
- ❖ Communications
- ❖ Evangelisation
- ❖ Health
- ❖ Marriage and Family Life
- ❖ Health
- ❖ Safeguarding
- ❖ SPRED

Meetings

There are 4 PPC meetings planned per year. It is imperative that all representatives attend or send a replacement since the PPC is the main communication channel between the Priest and the Parishioners.

The PPC Executive meets prior to all the meetings of the Full PPC to discuss the Agenda and follow up on any matters arising from the previous meeting. PPC Executive members are always ready to be called should there be a need for an emergency meeting (as happened last year when Covid 19 and the various alert levels started)