

**Constitution for the Parish of St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church  
Diocese of Juneau, Alaska**

**Article I. The Name of the Organization**

This body shall be called the Parish Pastoral Council of St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church, Juneau Alaska.

**Article II. The Council's Purpose**

The purpose of this Parish Pastoral Council (hereinafter: the Council) shall be to fulfill those responsibilities given to such bodies by the Code of Canon Law and by the Norms of the Catholic Diocese of Juneau.

Matters governed by the Magisterium of the Catholic Church or canon law must be regarded as beyond the scope of competence of this Council.

The objective of this Council shall be to work together as an advisory group to assist the Pastor in carrying out his role as pastor for St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church.

**Article III. Membership**

There shall be nine selected voting members on the Council. Those who share in the pastoral care of the parish by virtue of their office are ex-officio non-voting members. The selected members of the Council shall serve for a term of three years and may succeed themselves once. Those who serve on the Council due to their position in the Parish, serve as long as their canonical appointments to the Parish last.

**Article IV. Officers**

The Pastor presides over the Council. The officers of the Council, elected by the voting members thereof, shall be a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, and Vice-Secretary, who shall be chosen annually to serve a term of one year. Duties of the officers are specified in the by-laws.

**Article V. Meetings**

The Council shall meet at least nine times each calendar year. Additional meetings may be scheduled as needed by the Pastor or Chairperson.

**Article VI. Commissions**

The Council may establish committees as needed according to the by-laws of this Constitution.

**Article VII. Amendments**

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds of the voting members of the Council at a meeting called for the expressed purpose of amending this Constitution. Members shall receive notice of this meeting and the full text of the proposed amendment twenty-one days in advance of the meeting. Such notice shall be in writing to their place of residence. No amendment shall be valid, however, which shall not have received the approval of the Pastor and the Diocesan Bishop.

**Article VIII. By-Laws**

The by-laws of the Council shall be approved by the voting membership at a regular meeting of the Council by majority vote. The by-laws shall be approved by the pastor. The by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the membership at any regular meeting, provided written notice of the proposed amendment shall have been given to each member at the previous regular meeting. Amendments become effective only after the Pastor has given his written approval.