

ARTICLE I: THE PURPOSE AND FUNCTIONS

The Parish Council shall be the apostolic vehicle through which a representative body of the People of God in St. James Parish, in communion with one another, meet to deliberate and decide, in common agreement, those matters for which affect the good of the total church as witnessed through this parish.

- Section 1. To coordinate, encourage and promote every apostolic activity within the parish through which the parish community discharges its common responsibility in the field of making the Gospel known.
- Section 2. To assure through its commissions/committees a continuous survey of both spiritual and temporal needs of the individual, the family, the parish, the community and the world and, after setting priorities to develop and implement programs aimed at meeting these needs.
- Section 3. To serve as a permanent flexible structure for constructive dialogue among the priest, religious and laity of the parish so that they can work in close cooperation as a truly Christian community in fulfilling Christ's saving mission.
- Section 4. To provide leadership, direction, education, resources, and encouragement in accordance with the constant and continuing goals of the parish, the Archdiocese and the universal church.
- Section 5. To cooperate with and to effectively carry out the guidelines and direction given by the Ordinary of the Archdiocese of St. Louis.
- Section 6. To determine and attempt to utilize the talents of all members of the parish.

As much as is possible within the by-laws set forth in this Constitution and By-Laws of St. James Parish, Potosi, Missouri this parish council will also use the "Guidelines for Establishing and Operating a Parish Council" as presented by the Archdiocesan Council of the Laity, Archdiocese of St. Louis. All members of the Parish Council will have access to these Guidelines and a copy of these By-Laws. (ex-officio members included).