

# **Constitution of the Pastoral Council of Saint Mary Magdalene Catholic Church**

## **Preamble**

We, the Parish of St. Mary Magdalene in Apex, North Carolina, believe in the constant love of God made known to us through the words and actions of Jesus. We are a warm and welcoming community of faith in Christ and the Catholic Church. We are committed to the religious and academic education of our families as a foundation for spiritual growth and to bring us into a closer relationship with God. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we seek to provide meaningful liturgies, stimulating faith formation, and a broad range of social ministries for the growth of one another and of service to our greater community.

## **Article I – Name and Purpose**

This body will be called "The Pastoral Council of Saint Mary Magdalene Catholic Church." The Council members are representatives of the parish community who provide leadership and consultation with the Pastor and other parish staff for the spiritual, liturgical, educational, social, and other activities of the parish.

## **Article II – Qualification of Members**

The Pastoral Council is composed of both duly selected and appointed members who are confirmed as registered members of the parish for some period of time as specified in the bylaws. Members must be qualified to serve in accordance with Diocesan guidelines.

## **Article III – Officers**

The Pastoral Council will have at minimum a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Secretary.

## **Article IV – Meetings**

The Pastoral Council will hold regular meetings, preferably once a month.

## **Article V – Amendments**

Prior notice submitted in writing must be given to amend this constitution. Amendments to this constitution are to be discussed at one Pastoral Council meeting and then voted on no sooner than the following regular council meeting. Approval shall be by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the full Pastoral Council, together with the approval of the Pastor and the Bishop of Raleigh.

## **Article VI – Bylaws**

Bylaws will be adopted to supplement this constitution.

## **Article VII – Council Authority**

The Council is subject to the Pastoral Guidelines of the Diocese of Raleigh and Canon Law.