

DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM FOR REPRESENTATIVES DIOCESE OF FARGO

NOTE: This completed form must be received by the Chancellor's Office.
(See reverse side for Representative guidelines)

Most Rev. John T. Folda
President of the Diocesan Pastoral Council
c/o Chancellor's Office
5201 Bishops Blvd, Suite A
Fargo, ND 58104-7605

Your Excellency,

I am pleased to nominate for appointment the following representatives to the **Diocesan Pastoral Council**. They are nominated to serve as a Deanery-Lay Deanery-Priest Religious Deacon representative.

(please list in order of suitability and desire to serve)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Name: _____

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I hereby certify that these nominees are currently registered and active faithful who fulfill the guidelines outlined by the Statutes of the Diocesan Pastoral Council. They are ranked according to suitability and/or desire to serve.

Respectfully yours,

Dean(s)/Religious Superior/Director of Life & Ministry for Diaconate

Date

Guidelines for Nomination of Representatives to the Diocesan Pastoral Council

(Taken from the Statutes)

ARTICLE IV MEMBER QUALIFICATIONS

1. A pastoral council is composed of members of Christ's faithful who are in full communion with the Catholic Church: clerics, members of institutes of consecrated life, and especially lay people. They are designated in the manner determined by the diocesan Bishop (Canon 512 §1).
2. The members of Christ's faithful assigned to the pastoral council are to be selected in such a way that the council truly reflects the entire portion of the people of God which constitutes the diocese, taking account of the different regions of the diocese, of social conditions and professions, and of the part played in the apostolate by the members, whether individually or in association with others (Canon 512, §2).
3. Only those members of Christ's faithful who are outstanding in firm faith, high moral standards and prudence are to be assigned to the pastoral council (Canon 512, §3).
4. Members must be from the Diocese of Fargo.

ARTICLE V COMPOSITION, NOMINATION, AND APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS

1. The Diocesan Pastoral Council shall be composed of the following members, who are either *ex-officio* members or appointed representatives:
 - a. *Ex-officio members not listed here. See full statutes for details.*
 - b. One lay representative from each deanery.
 - c. One priest representative for the four pairs of deaneries (1-2; 3-4; 5-6; 7-8).
 - d. Two representatives from the Permanent Diaconate, serving an urban and a rural area.
 - e. One religious representative from each motherhouse within the Diocese of Fargo.
 - f. Additional lay representatives appointed "at large" as needed by the Bishop
2. Representatives are nominated in the following manner:
 - a. Each Dean is to nominate three lay faithful from his deanery, from distinct parish clusters. One nominee will be appointed as the representative, and a second as an alternate.
 - b. Deans from each pair of deaneries will submit a list of three priests from their deaneries. Of these three names, one nominee will be appointed as the representative, and a second (from the other deanery) as an alternate.
 - c. The Director of Life & Ministry of the Permanent Diaconate will submit the names of four deacons, two from rural and two from urban settings. One urban and one rural deacon will be appointed as representatives (no alternates).
 - d. Each motherhouse within the Diocese of Fargo will submit two names. From each motherhouse, one religious will be appointed (no alternates).
3. Appointment of representatives will be made by the Bishop, and these appointments communicated to the nominating individuals and candidates.