

APPLICATION: Membership on the Pastoral Council of SJN

The Spirit is given to each of us for the good of all of us
(1 Corinthians 12.4-13.13)

Our Patron, St. John Neumann, often prayed *dearest God, give me holiness*. In this prayer, this disciple of the Lord Jesus was seeking the gift of the Lord's presence, the joy of the Lord's salvation. But, he was not praying simply for his own good. St. John Neumann served God's people as a parish priest, then as a Bishop. His prayer, *dearest God, give me holiness* was apostolic. In the same way, we pray for every gift of the Holy Spirit, so that we may serve the needs of our parish community and those of the whole world, just as the Lord Jesus instructs us. This is the meaning of the quote from St. Paul's pastoral letter to the community at Corinth: *the Holy Spirit is given to each for some benefit...for the health of the whole Body*.

The Pastoral Council of SJN exists as an instrument of the Lord, to assist in the shepherding of the whole parish family. The Council offers advice and counsel to the Pastor, on matters he brings to the attention of the Council; and in addition, the Council members seek to support and encourage the various ministries and committees of this vibrant community of faith. Please know that the whole parish family is grateful for your willingness to serve in this way.

1. Your full name: _____
2. Your complete mailing address: _____

3. Your contact numbers (work, home, cell): _____

4. Your e-mail address: _____
5. Please list the parish ministries, councils and committees that you may have been involved in, for the past two years (your stewardship: the gift of a part of your time and a measure of your talents):

6. Please indicate how you have served the Lord in ways other than those mentioned above: _____

Please complete in full and return to the parish office, to the attention of Rev. Sunny Punnakuziyil, MSFS, Pastor, by the 12th of July 2017