

**Nomination for Membership of the Pastoral Council for the Catholic Community of Bl. John Henry Newman.**

What is a Pastoral Council?

It is a representative body of Christ's faithful whose purpose is the promotion of the mission of the Church in its entirety in this particular corner of the vineyard. It shall at all times work in collaboration with the priest(s) of the chaplaincy, advising him/them in matters pertaining to the pastoral ministry (cf. ccc. 528-529).

The function of the Pastoral Council is to deal with the mission of the Church, long and short range goals and objectives, and to design those procedures and processes by which the pastoral work of the Church is to be accomplished.

In accordance with the mind of the Church, the Council shall have a consultative voice only. Through its insights, expertise, and prudent advice, it will help the priest(s) identify, implement, and evaluate those pastoral initiatives and policies best suited to the spread of the Gospel in the mission entrusted to this apostolate (cf. cc. 536,#2; 127).

The chaplains are ex officio members of the Council. There will be up to five elected members of Council, and up to five co-opted at the invitation of the chaplains. The term of membership for elected and co-opted members is two years.

The elected members of the Council must be:

1. Members of the community who are at least eighteen years of age;
2. nominated and seconded by two members of the Community who are at least eighteen years of age, and who are not related to the member being nominated;
3. approved by the priests of the Community.

For the nomination to be valid the person proposed for election must endorse the nomination. If more than five nominations are received there is to be an election held at all Masses on a designated Sunday. All members of the Community eighteen years of age and over are eligible to vote. A member of the Community is anyone who has been in regular attendance at one of the Sunday Masses of the Community for at least the preceding 12 months.

**Nominee's name, address and contact number (please print):**

**Nominated by (printed name and signature):**

**Seconded by (printed name and signature):**

**Nominee's consent (signature):**

*Completed Nomination forms may be posted to 'Maryvale', 233 Balaclava Rd, Caulfield North VIC 3161, or placed in one of the Sunday collections. Nominations will close at the close of business on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2010. If the number of nominations exceeds five, an election will be held after the Sunday Masses on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2010.*