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Dear Partnering Parishioners:

As we enjoy the blessings of this Easter Season, I invite you to prayerfully consider taking a more active part in the leadership of our Partnering Parishes. Please consider placing your name in nomination for either the Pastoral Council or the Financial Council. Since we began in July 2016, the Growth and Formation Committee has been acting as the combined leadership for both parishes. We have maintained two separate Financial Councils and will continue to do so for better stewardship and integrity. As per the goals of our Partnering Parishes, we will maintain one Pastoral Council for both parishes and continue to have two separate Financial Councils.

If, moved by the Holy Spirit, please write or email me and tell me how you believe you can be of help and what gifts you bring to contribute to our common mission: two parishes united in one faith as Missionary Disciples of the Lord Jesus.

Pastoral Council

The purpose of the Parish Pastoral Council is to foster full participation of the entire parish in the life and mission of the parish and of the Universal Church. The parish faith community participates in this mission by: Worshiping God; Creating and nurturing Christian Community; Growing in Faith and Holiness; Serving those in need, especially the poor.

The general function of the Parish Pastoral Council is to advise the Pastor in those pastoral matters presented to it by the Pastor, including reviewing and periodically re-evaluating and revising a parish mission statement; developing and implementation of a parish pastoral plan; reviewing and evaluating the effectiveness of existing programs; and reflecting on Archdiocesan pastoral priorities and recommending how they can be implemented in the parish.

The Pastoral Council is made up of the Pastor, Ex-Officio members, 2 appointed by the Pastor and 6 members (three from SH and three from SCB) elected by parishioners. Appointed members serve a 3 year term and may be reappointed by the Pastor at his discretion. Elected members serve a 3 year term and the terms rotate so each year 2 positions come up for election.

Financial Council

The Financial Council is an advisory body whose purpose is to assist the Pastor in fulfilling his duties of being a good steward of parish resources and in financial matters. Secondly, the Financial Council supports the governance of a parish through best practices and standard polices of the Archdiocese to ensure accountability to God's people that the good entrusted to us are used for the good of the Parish. The council advises and assists the Pastor to maximize its financial resources and avert potential financial problems.

The Financial Council is made up of the Pastor, Ex-Officio members, 2 consultants, 3-7 members appointed by the Pastor with expertise, if possible, in the following areas: finances, accounting, budgeting, civil law, property management, and personnel management.

Prayer, discern and then, if so moved, contact me to submit your name by Sunday, May 20, 2018. God bless!
Monsignor Majoros