

**BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH –
BURLINGTON, NC
PARISH COUNCIL CONSTITUTION**

PREAMBLE

We, the people of God in the Parish of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, Burlington, North Carolina, in union with our priests and religious, our Bishop and all the members everywhere of the Catholic Church, do hereby affirm the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all our words and works as we accept our share of the responsibility for the life, and mission of Blessed Sacrament Parish do hereby establish this Constitution for the Parish Council.

In our efforts to promote the sanctification of people of faith and other apostolic activities, we are hopeful that the same Spirit underlies our different gifts, each of which is offered herein for the service of one another. May our joint efforts contribute to the establishment of Christ's reign in this time and in this place.

ARTICLE I – NAME

The full name of this organization shall be the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church Parish Council, hereinafter referred to as "the Council".

ARTICLE II – PURPOSES

Within the boundaries of current Canon Law and the Diocese of Raleigh Administrative guidelines, the purpose of the Council shall be to advise the Pastor concerning the life and mission of Blessed Sacrament Parish.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

A) Eligibility

Any registered parishioner who is in full communion with the Catholic Church is eligible for selection by the Parish at large or appointment by the Pastor.

B) Composition

The council is formed by three-quarters of its members being selected by the parish. The pastor may, but is not required, to appoint an additional one-quarter members to achieve balance. All members of the council whether selected or appointed are considered members with full voice.

C) Elections

Elections are to take place once a year.

D) Other Members

Others, who share in the pastoral care of the parish, by virtue of the position they hold, e.g. associate pastor, school principal, or members of certain organizations, etc., may be part of the Council, at the discretion of the pastor. These persons, as the Pastor directs, will also carry full voice.

ARTICLE IV – COMMITTEES

A) Standing Committees

The standing committees of the Council are as follows:

- 1) Facilities
- 2) Liturgy/Spirituality
- 3) Parish Community Relations and Communications
- 4) Education
- 5) Parish Organizations and Planning
- 6) Discipleship

As needs arise, the Pastor under advisement of the Parish Council will assemble various committees to serve the needs of the Parish.

The chairpersons of these committees shall be selected and named, based on career/area expertise by the Pastor. The Council shall define the roles and responsibilities of each committee.

ARTICLE V- ORGANIZATION

1) Decision Making Process

The Parish Council meeting will provide a platform for discussion and consensus to address substantial parish goals and interests.

2) Officers

The Parish Council will have a chair, a vice chair and a recording secretary.

3) Meetings

The Council will meet regularly but not less than every other month.

ARTICLE VI – BY-LAWS AND AMENDMENTS

Provided that they do not contravene any of the provisions of these articles, By-Laws may be established by the Parish Council in consensus with the Pastor. By-Laws may be amended or repealed in the same manner. Copies of By-Laws must be sent to the Bishop's Office for the parish file.

Amendments to this constitution must be approved by the Council and the Pastor thru consensus. Constitutional amendments must be approved by the Bishop before they take effect.