

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM (2026-2027)

Nominations submitted after the due date will not be considered.

The last date of submitting the nomination is Sunday, November 16, 2025, by 1:00 p.m.).

Pre-requisites for Parish Council membership:

Please **initial** all requirements below.

E. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. The members of the Parish Council shall meet the following requirements in addition to the requirements stated in the disqualifications concerning the General Body, as stated in no. 39.
 - a. The following individuals are ineligible to participate in any meetings of the General Body. This disqualification is based on the Particular law of the Syro-Malabar Church, Part II Statutes (no. 6).
 - b. 39.1 Those who stand publicly against the faith and teachings of the Catholic Church
 - c. 39.2 Those who are under any ecclesiastical censure
 - d. 39.3 Public sinners
 - e. 39.4 Persons convicted of offences involving moral turpitude, until reformed and certified by the Pastor
 - f. 39.5 Persons who have defaulted on annual paschal duties
 - g. 39.6 Persons who are of unsound mind
 - h. 39.7 Willful defaulters of Church laws
 - i. 39.8 Willful defaulters of regular financial support to the parish
 - j. 39.9 Those who are subject to a public scandal
 - k. 39.10 Those who willfully and deliberately engage in activities that slander the ecclesiastical authorities
2. 52.1 A baptized Catholic, enrolled in the parish, maintaining full communion with the Catholic Church
3. 52.2 Registered member of the parish, maintaining active membership for at least 1 (one) year and having continuous residence within the parish boundaries for a minimum of six months prior to selection, nomination, or appointment.
4. 52.3 Regular participation in the liturgical and sacramental life of the parish, especially the Sunday Divine Liturgy.
5. 52.4 All individuals of the Parish Council must complete a criminal background check conducted through the Diocesan Safe Environment Office. A copy of the same should be provided, along with the nomination paper.
6. 52.5 Nominees shall submit valid documentation verifying lawful immigration status in the United States with their nomination.
7. 52.6 Completion of 21 years of age.
8. 52.7 A person who is faithful, honest, and supports the parish.

9. 52.8 Faithfully and regularly fulfilling parish financial obligations (including maintenance, building fund, and other duly approved contributions) determined by the Parish Council with the consent of the General Body and confirmed by the Eparchial Curia, unless legitimately exempted for a just cause.
10. 52.9 A person with no arrears of annual contribution to the parish.
11. 52.10 A person who resigns from the Parish Council without sufficient cause and without prior approval of the Local Hierarchy shall be ineligible to stand as a candidate for the next two consecutive terms, unless granted exemption by the Local Hierarchy.
12. 52.11 Both spouses (husband and wife) cannot be members of the Parish Council at the same time.
13. 52.12 Siblings or other family members residing in the same house cannot be members of the Parish Council at the same time.
14. Prot. No. 0462/2025, October 23, 2025: DECREE PROMULGATING ADDITIONAL DIRECTIVES ON THE SELECTION OF PARISH/MISSION COUNCIL: Taking into account the directives of my predecessor, given on October 12, 2018 {Circular No. 56/2018) and followed thereafter, I hereby decree that the normal term of Parish/Mission Council members, Trustees (*Kaikarans*) and Pastoral Council Members is two years; two consecutive terms are permissible, but not more, unless permitted by the Local Hierarchy.- Bishop Joy Alappatt

First name:

Last name:

House Name:

DOB (MM) ... (DD) ... (YYYY) Reg. #

Email ID: Phones:

Address:

Positions held at the parish as Parish Council member, Kaikkaran, etc. (Please give details.)

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Other positions (cultural/secular organization leadership) outside the church: Explain:

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- ***I, the undersigned, understand and attest that all the information declared above are true to the best of my knowledge. My signature below constitutes my desire to serve as a parish council member for the next two years.***
- ***I, the undersigned, understand that as a parish council member, I am expected to attend parish council meetings on a week's notice, in addition to any emergency meetings that may be needed at short notice.***
- ***I, the undersigned, have read, understand, and agree that I will fulfill all the duties and responsibilities identified in the procedure rules published by the St. Thomas Syro-Malabar Catholic Diocese of Chicago.***
- ***I, the undersigned, have already completed safe environment training, if not, will complete it.***

Signature

Date

Documents submitted along with:

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Reason for Disapproval: _____

Attested by Reverend

Parish Seal