

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



PARISH CONSULTATION AT TWO HOLY MARTYRS

Due to Father Regan completing his term in June of 2026, Cardinal Cupich will be appointing a new pastor to Two Holy Martyrs. The process of selecting that priest involves a great deal of prayer, research, discernment and discussion. One of the important groups in this process is the Priest Placement Board (PPB). This group advises Cardinal Cupich on candidates for pastor based on the talents and skills of the priest-candidates in light of the strengths and challenges of the parishes in the pastor pool. The PPB is composed of nine priests of the Archdiocese of Chicago who serve full-time as pastors or associate pastors, one of the members is retired. The work of the PPB is directed by Fr. Michael Knotek, the Vicar for the Professional and Pastoral Development of Priests who does this work full-time along with the ongoing formation for priests.

In order to gain wisdom from parish staff and parish leaders about the skills and talents needed in your next pastor, the PPB will be conducting a Parish Consultation at Two Holy Martyrs on November 18, 2025. Two members of the PPB will facilitate two meetings, one with the staff and the other with the Parish Council Members and Finance Committee. These discussions are very important to give the Priests Placement Board insight about Two Holy Martyrs and the capabilities needed in your next pastor.

The wisdom from the parishioners is also extremely important in the pastor selection process. To gather that wisdom, a form will be made available to parishioners to answer the following questions which the staff and lay leadership will also address in their discussions:

- A. What are the strengths of your parish? What is working very well presently?**
- B. What are the specific challenges your parish is currently facing?**
- C. What current ministries and programs in your parish are vitally important and must continue in order for the parish to remain vibrant and grow?**
- D. What programs for parish renewal and evangelization are currently in place at your parish?**
- E. What are the specific and unique skills, talents and capabilities needed in your next pastor?**

These parishioner input forms will continue to be gathered until January of 2026.

The discernment process leads up to a two day meeting in early March of 2026 whereby Cardinal Cupich gathers all of the input from the Parish Consultations and meets with the Vicar General, all the Auxiliary Bishops, the Priests Placement Board members, and other key personnel at the Archdiocese to make his decision about who he will appoint to be the next pastor of Two Holy Martyrs as well as pastors for the other parishes in the pastor pool this year. Please pray for the continued guidance of the Holy Spirit to help identify the next pastoral leader of Two Holy Martyrs.



PARISHIONER INPUT FORM FOR DISCERNMENT OF A NEW PASTOR: Two Holy Martyrs, Chicago

Input from parishioners regarding the capabilities and skills needed in their next pastor is vitally important to the process of selecting a new pastor for your parish. Below are questions designed to help you provide information to describe the current state of your parish and input regarding the selection of your next pastor. Please be as concise as specific as possible when providing in filling out this form.

1. What are the greatest unique characteristics and strengths of Two Holy Martyrs?
2. What are the challenges the faith community of Two Holy Martyrs is currently experiencing?
3. What are the most important programs and ministries at Two Holy Martyrs that contribute to the vitality of the parish and must continue in order for the parish to remain vibrant and grow?
4. What are the parish renewal and evangelization programs currently in place at Two Holy Martyrs?
5. What are the unique capabilities, talents, and skills required in your next pastor?

Please complete this form by January 15, 2026 by attaching it to an email to: maquino@archchicago.org or mail to:

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