

Nomination Form for Parish Leadership Team (PLT)

Excerpt from Terms of Reference (ToR)-Parish Leadership Team (PLT)

1. ESTABLISHMENT

- 1.1.** The Parish Leadership Team has been formed to assist the Priest Moderator in the life and leadership of the parish. This model of leadership has been established based on Canon 517.2 which states:

If, because of a shortage of priests, the diocesan Bishop has judged that a deacon, or some other person who is not a priest, or a community of persons should be entrusted with a share in the exercise of the pastoral care of a parish, he is to appoint some priest who, with the powers and faculties of a parish priest, will direct the pastoral care.

2. ROLE OF THE PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

2.1 Parish Leadership Team

The Parish Leadership Team (PLT) is a group of committed worshipping Catholics, who have been commissioned by the Bishop, to lead the parish in the five foundational areas – Identity and Community, Liturgy and Worship, Formation and Education, Mission and Outreach and Leadership and Structure. They are to work closely with the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC), the Parish Finance Council (PFC) and other teams to promote the life and mission of the church. Their leadership will be one of consultation and collaboration sharing co-responsibly with the Moderator and visiting priests.

The PLT fulfils this role by:

- 2.1.1. Building up the parish community by promoting its spiritual life through prayer, liturgy and gatherings.
- 2.1.2. Promoting in the parish, the spirit and principles of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan and the Parish Pastoral Plan.
- 2.1.3. Building up a sense of trust and unity among the people of the parish, so that the parish will be recognised as a visible and credible sign and instrument of communion with God and so fulfil its mission.
- 2.1.4. Working collaboratively with the Parish Pastoral Council
- 2.1.5. Providing a link between the parish and the rest of the diocese
- 2.1.6. Providing a link with the local geographical community
- 2.1.7. Providing a link with the other parishes of the Region as well as the diocesan community
- 2.1.8. Through its close links with Parish Foundational Teams initiate and facilitate dialogue between the people of the parish
- 2.1.9. Studying, reflecting upon and discussing issues of concern to the whole parish
- 2.1.10. Establishing committees or teams to investigate and act upon areas of pastoral concern and the parish response to these important local, national or global issues
- 2.1.11. Developing broad pastoral objectives (Parish Pastoral Plan) and major emphases that will give a general direction in which the parish might move.
- 2.1.12. Addressing areas of parish pastoral concern and developing long term plans for the parish community. Such plans will be presented to a Parish Pastoral Assembly after the Parish Leadership Team and Parish Councils gather factual data, develops options and sets priorities, all in a spirit of prayer, consultation and discernment.
- 2.1.13. Monitoring implementation and evaluating Parish Pastoral and Financial Plans.
- 2.1.14. Making recommendations to the Moderator about the appointment of a member/ members to the Parish Leadership Team, the Parish Pastoral Council, the Parish Finance Council and the associated teams, subcommittees and various task teams.
- 2.1.15.

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3. COMPOSITION

3.1 The Parish Leadership Team shall consist of:

3.1.1 A minimum of five members as representative of the five foundations -

- Identity and Community
- Worship and Prayer
- Formation and Education
- Mission and Outreach
- Leadership and Structure

Other members

3.1.1. The Priest Moderator may choose to or be invited to attend some of the meeting of the PLT

3.1.2. At times others from the parish foundational teams may be invited to attend due to their gifts

3.1.3. If there are paid staff in the parish they may also be invited to attend

3.1.4. Care should be taken to ensure the entire people of God is truly reflected with due regard for gender, age and social position. (cf. The Code of Canon Law, Canon 512.2)

4. The Term of Office is 3 years with a maximum of 2 consecutive terms to serve.

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Please complete and detach this form to submit Application for PLT Membership

NOMINEE'S NAME (please print).....

NOMINEE'S SIGNATURE.....

NOMINATED BY (please print)

WHAT GIFTS DO YOU THINK THE NOMINEE WILL BRING TO THIS ROLE?

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NOMINATOR'S SIGNATURE.....

Date