The Cathedral Parish Pastoral Council will be holding elections beginning the weekend of Sunday, September 27 and concluding the weekend of Sunday, October 4 for the two particular council positions, as outlined below. *Elections this year will take place Online.* Ballot website will be posted in the Bulletin next week, September 20 and go live the following weekend. All *Registered Cathedral Parish Parishioners* are welcome and encouraged to vote. As we prepare for the upcoming election, it is important to carefully consider the role and responsibilities of a Parish Pastoral Council member:

- The Parish Pastoral Council is solely a consultative body with the role of advising and assisting the Pastor in areas of pastoral concerns.
- The Parish Pastoral Council cooperates with parish committees, addressing such areas of parish life as worship, spirituality, community, evangelization, education, stewardship and service.
- The membership of the Council should be representative of the entire parish community, recognizing and reflecting the parish’s rich diversity.
- With this election, two positions on the council will be renewed—a member to represent our *Seniors* and two members, a Married Couple, to represent our *Married Couples*.
- **N.B.** Only our two Candidates for the Senior Member Representative Position will appear on the ballot this year. We are grateful to our Couple has accepted the Nomination for Married Couple, Eugene Mattioni and Marie Killian. They will represent our Married Couples in the coming years.

*Nominees for the Position of a Senior Member*

**Louis N. Ferrero** - Lou is a life-long member of the Cathedral Parish, actively involved in service to the parish, fellow parishioners, and neighbors. A retired senior engineer with Exelon Nuclear/PECO Energy. A president of past Cathedral Pastoral Councils; long-time Lector; Usher; Greeter; Cathedral Tour Guide; Cathedral Ambassador; Cathedral historian; former Extraordinary Minister; organizer of the collections at the Christmas Masses; past parish chair of the Catholic Charities Appeal and parish Seminary Appeal. Board positions include: President, Catholic Philopatrians (founded 1850); past president, American Catholic Historical Society (founded 1884); secretary, Alumni Association, Roman Catholic H.S. Active memberships include: St. Anne Historical Committee; Serra Club of Philadelphia; Vocation Office committees; Association of Philadelphia Tour Guides; recent member of the Knights of Columbus

**Sandra Lavini** - Sandra lives in South Philadelphia, where she was born and raised and attended 12 years of Catholic school. For the past six years, she has attended the 6:30PM Mass and participated in many events at the Cathedral parish, where she has served in the greeter ministry. She would be thrilled to deepen her service to the parish and believes that she has many gifts to offer. She feels that it would certainly be a gift for her to be able to help advance the holy mission of our Church. Sandra’s entire career has been in the non-profit sector, mainly with child-serving agencies. She now works as a fundraiser, specifically as a proposal writer, for a Center City non-profit, which is located several blocks from the Cathedral. Sandra’s agency provides legal and social service advocacy to abused and neglected children, serving more than 1,000 children each year. She believes that her skills may be helpful to the parish, and she would be honored to apply them to our efforts or to help in any way.

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*NEW MARRIED COUPLE MEMBERS*

**Eugene Mattioni and Marie Killian** – Eugene and Marie have been married for 21 years and are residents of East Falls. Marie is a life-long Catholic and grew up in St. Francis of Assisi parish in Norristown. Gene was born and raised in South Philadelphia and joined the Catholic Church 16 years ago. Both Gene and Marie are attorneys. Gene is Of Counsel with the Mattioni law firm and is currently the CEO of the Maritime Academy Charter School. Marie is a Human Resources Business Partner. They are the parents of three adult children and most enjoy spending time with their four grandchildren.