



# Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul

## CATHEDRAL PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

### \* 2021 COUNCIL ELECTIONS – NOMINEES INFORMATION SHEET \*

The Cathedral Parish Pastoral Council will be holding elections the weekends of September 19<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> for the two particular council positions, as outlined below. Election ballots will be available in the pews at all Masses and, after being completed, can either be placed in the collection baskets during all Masses or submitted to the sacristy after all Masses. 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 **Young Adults** and, one to represent our **Single Adults**.

#### \* NOMINEES FOR THE POSITION OF A YOUNG ADULT \*



**Magdalena Kaminska** - Magdalena is 24 years old and was born and raised in Warsaw, Poland. She moved to America at the age of 10 and currently lives in Philadelphia, PA, where she attends the University of the Sciences. She is a Bachelor of Biochemistry and is pursuing a Ph.D. in Biochemistry. She is a member of both, CCYA (Catholic Center for Young Adults) and Young Adults at the Cathedral, fellowship groups, in which she is actively participate in a Gospel Reflection Group where the young adults supporting each other in their faith. She comes from a strong Catholic background, has grown much closer to the Holy Spirit and solidified her relationship with Christ. Inviting Him and the Holy Spirit into her life has led her to grow spiritually and realize the immense role and importance God has in her life and each life particularly. She believes her mission is to bring Jesus to others through the power

of the Holy Spirit, to restore faith and support the faithful. Representing the Young Adults on the Pastoral Council will allow me to further fulfill this mission and improve her relationship with God.

**Elizabeth Halstead** – Elizabeth (Liz) is currently a resident of Chesnut Hill and was raised in St. Genevieve Parish in Flourtown. where she attended school. She graduated from Mount Saint Joseph Academy and is now a fifth year student at Temple University where she became actively involved in the Temple Newman Center, participating in bible studies, service events, retreats, and living as a member of the women’s housing community. She began serving as a lector at the Cathedral in January 2020 and became a registered parishioner soon after. Liz now works as an assistant project manager for a civil contracting firm while she continues her studies toward her B.S. in Architecture. She is a member of Philadelphia’s newly launched Young Catholic Professionals chapter and hopes to continue her engagement with the Church in service to the Cathedral parish.



#### \* NOMINEES FOR THE POSITION OF A YOUNG ADULT AND SINGLE ADULT \*

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**\* NOMINEES FOR THE POSITION OF A YOUNG ADULT (CONT'D) \***



***Paul Maleski*** - Paul recently returned from Rome after completing a Bachelor's in Philosophy there and discerning out of the seminary. He currently resides in the Brewerytown neighborhood of Philadelphia, and is working for a local agency doing Healthcare recruiting. Paul is active in the young adult community at the Cathedral Basilica. He is passionate about the Faith and bringing others to truth which it contains. He finds in the young adult community a group of individuals passionate about living out their Faith and encountering Christ on an ever deeper level.

**\* NOMINEES FOR THE POSITION OF A SINGLE ADULT \***

***John Ciavarelli*** – John is a Financial Advisor from Springfield, Delaware County and has been a parishioner at the Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul for over a year but has been coming to the Cathedral for many years to attend masses, events and Cathedral Young Adult functions. John is currently in service to the Cathedral as an altar server. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from nearby Drexel University, the university founded by our Saint Katherine Drexel's uncle, Anthony J. Drexel. John enjoys reading, exercising and spending time with other catholic young adults in various environments and groups throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. He also oversees the operations for the high school and college-aged mission group Mission Youth and is an associated lay member of Regnum Christi.



***Daniel Heenan*** – Dan grew up in Presentation BVM parish in Cheltenham, PA and graduated from St. Joe's Prep in 1989. Dan earned a Bachelor's of Business Administration in Finance from the University of Notre Dame in 1993. He lives in Center City Philadelphia and work as a Financial Advisor at RBC Wealth Management. He has been a parishioner at The Cathedral Basilica of SS Peter & Paul for about 10 years and serves as a sponsor for the parish Christian Initiation program and am a member of the parish chapter of The Knights of Columbus. He also serves as a member of the Union League of Philadelphia's Legacy Foundation's Good Citizen Day Committee which educates high school juniors on civics and community leadership.

***Jeffrey Laughhead*** – Jeff was born and raised in Wynnewood, PA. He attended Temple University and spent one semester overseas in Rome. He teaches English and History at Woodlynde School in Strafford, and also coaches the school's cross country team. He has led students on trips to New York, Washington D.C., and the Grand Canyon. His interests include playing the guitar, books, golf, and spending time in his beloved Wissahickon Valley. Jeff enjoys collaborating with others. He has dedicated his career to helping young people which involves constant education about the rapidly changing world of American youth culture. His spiritual thinking has been influenced by St. Francis of Assisi, St. Therese of Lisieux, Thomas Merton, and Richard Rohr.

