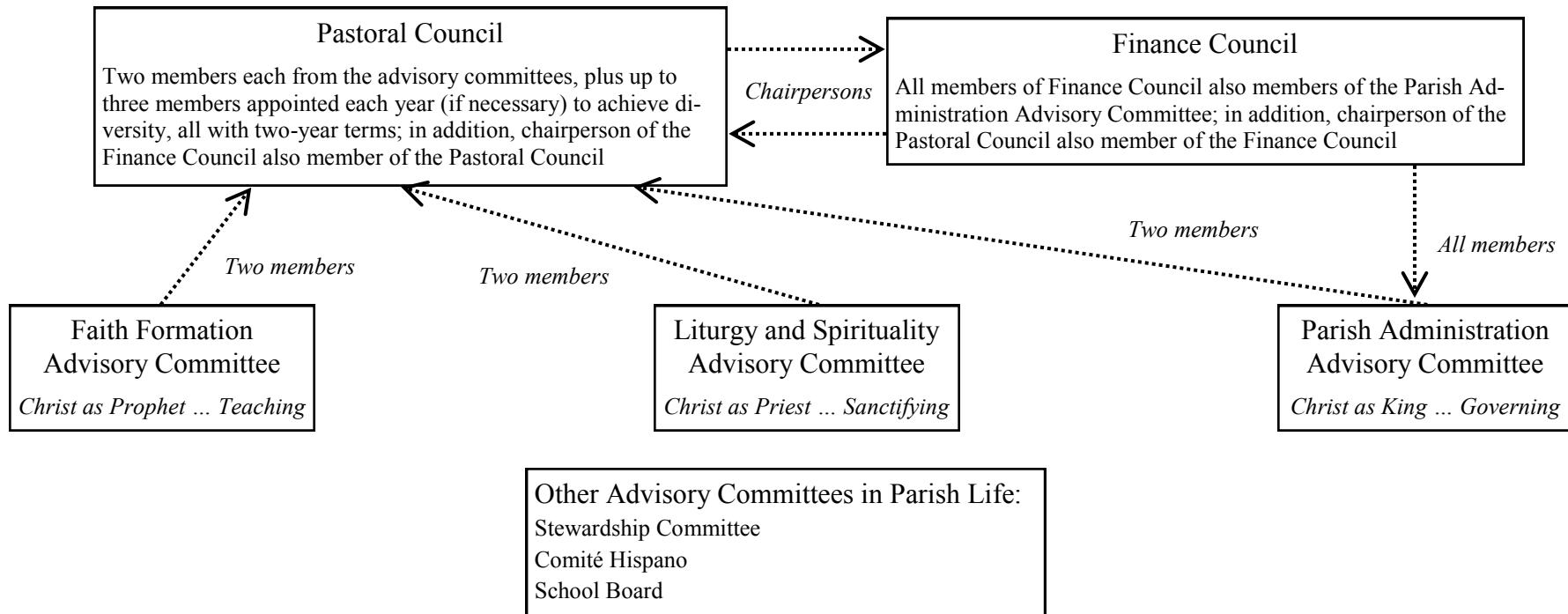




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Christ as Priest ... Prophet ... King

Catechism of the Catholic Church 1546: “Christ, high priest and unique mediator, has made of the Church ‘a kingdom, priests for his God and Father.’ The whole community of believers is, as such, priestly. The faithful exercise their baptismal priesthood through their participation, each according to his own vocation, in Christ’s mission as priest, prophet, and king. Through the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation the faithful are ‘consecrated to be ... a holy priesthood.’”

Catechism of the Catholic Church 1581-1582: “By ordination one is enabled to act as a representative of Christ, Head of the Church, in his triple office of priest, prophet, and king... As in the case of Baptism and Confirmation this share in Christ’s office is granted once for all. The sacrament of Holy Orders, like the other two, confers an indelible spiritual character.”

Teaching ... Sanctifying ... Governing

Canon Law describes the pastor of a parish as exercising “the pastoral care of the community committed to him” by carrying “out the functions of teaching, sanctifying, and governing” in his parish (*Code of Canon Law* Can. 519). The pastor acts “under the authority of the diocesan bishop in whose ministry of Christ he has been called to share,” and the pastor’s functions of teaching, sanctifying and governing in his parish derive from and are parallel to the diocesan bishop’s threefold office of teaching, sanctifying, and governing (Second Vatican Council, *Christus Dominus* 11; Second Vatican Council, *Lumen Gentium* 20, 21; *Code of Canon Law* Cans. 375, 376, 519).

Pastors act “with the cooperation” of assistant pastors (parochial vicars) and deacons and “with the assistance of lay members of the Christian faithful” (*Code of Canon Law* Can. 519). Canon Law specifically calls for each parish to have a pastoral council (if the diocesan bishop so decides), “in which the Christian faithful ... assist in fostering pastoral activity” (*Code of Canon Law* Can. 536 §1). Canon Law also provides not only that the pastor “is to take care that the goods of the parish are administered” prudently but also that each parish is to have a finance council, “in which the Christian faithful ... assist the pastor in the administration of the goods of the parish” (*Code of Canon Law* Cans. 532 and 537).



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