

PASTORS

The Pastor is the chief administrative officer of the parish school and maintains overall local responsibility for it. The Pastor, by hiring a trained professional to serve as the Principal, empowers that person with the responsibility for the daily operation, administration and supervision of the school, its students and personnel, instructional programs and extracurricular activities. To ensure collaboration in this educational ministry, the Pastor and the Principal confer regularly and frequently on matters which affect the school community.

Since the Pastor is the foremost faith leader in the parish, he is encouraged to provide spiritual leadership to the faculty, staff and students and to celebrate liturgies and the Sacrament of Penance for the school community at appropriate times during the year. He should take an active role in the religious education program for the students and in parent sessions for sacramental preparation. In addition, he gives his support to parents and teachers in their responsibility of instruction in human sexuality.

The Pastor, as the administrator of the parish, is ultimately responsible for the preparation of a realistic school budget and for approving and supervising the school finances. In addition, he is responsible to ensure a Catholic identity, a quality educational program, and safe school facilities.

The Pastor is directly accountable to the Superintendent of Schools in diocesan school matters. Therefore, he acquaints himself with diocesan policies, as well as any directives and recommendations of the Superintendent of Schools, and assures that the local school adheres to them.

The Pastor and Parochial Vicars, as their other parish responsibilities permit, should take a special interest in Catholic school students by visiting the elementary and secondary schools for which they have responsibilities and by attending other school activities.