



Claire McGinn

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CANDIDATE STATEMENT

I am a wife and mother of three boys, and my family and faith are at the center of my life. I am actively involved in our parish as a lector for both the weekday 9:00 a.m Mass, the Sunday Mass at 11:15 a.m, and as a co-coordinator for the weekday Mass lectors. I also participate in the Divine Mercy Cenacle, volunteer with the parish library, and have volunteered with the parish Bible camp that was held this summer. These experiences have helped me become more connected to our parish community and have shown me how many people contribute their time and talents to make it a welcoming and active place.

I feel called to serve because the parish is more than the place where we attend Mass—it is a spiritual home and a community we are responsible for building together. I would like to become more involved in helping our parish grow, respond to the needs of its members, and remain welcoming to people at every stage of their faith journey. Serving on the parish council would allow me to listen, learn, and help turn the concerns and hopes of parishioners

into practical action.

I am organized, dependable, and attentive to details. I listen carefully, communicate clearly, and try to consider an issue from more than one perspective before reaching a conclusion. I am also comfortable identifying what may be missing and finding practical ways to move an idea forward. As a mother and an active parishioner, I understand the realities facing families who want to participate in parish life while balancing children, work, school, and other responsibilities. My experiences as a lector, coordinator, Bible camp volunteer, library volunteer, and Cenacle member have allowed me to serve and connect with people in several different areas of parish life.

I would begin to help the parish council serve the good of the whole parish community by listening—to fellow council members, ministry leaders, parishioners, families, seniors, young people, and those who may not always feel represented. I would bring an honest, thoughtful, and practical

perspective to discussions while remaining open to the experiences and ideas of others. I would especially like to help strengthen communication within the parish, encourage greater participation, and ensure that parishioners know both what is happening and how they can become involved. My goal would be to support decisions that serve the parish as a whole rather than any one group.

The last thing that I would like parishioners to know about me is that I do not believe that serving the parish requires having every answer. It requires faith, humility, reliability, and a willingness to listen and do the work. I care deeply about our parish community, and if selected, I would approach this responsibility prayerfully and with a sincere desire to serve.