

Sample Parish Council Covenant

Honesty	We will be truthful and honest in our communication with each other. We will be willing to share our reflections, concerns, observations and ideas with each other.
Loyalty	We will be loyal in our support of one another in discussions with other parish council members and with parishioners. We will avoid allowing ourselves and others to be triangled or divided.
Accord	We will not avoid disagreements and we will be willing to resolve conflict through agreed appropriate processes. We will seek assistance when needed.
Commitment	We will be diligent in providing each other with information and other resources that are needed to fulfil our role. We will be mindful of the expectations clergy and the parish have of us in our position. We will be committed to thoughtful and participatory decision making.
Regularity	We will be intentional in giving appropriate priority to parish council meetings.
Prayer	We will pray regularly for our ministry team, their families, for each other and for the growth and health of the parish.
Learning	We will be purposeful in encouraging and stimulating each other to learn, grow and explore new ideas together.
Affirmation	We will affirm the value of having different personalities, life experiences and faith journeys. We will respect and accept each other and learn to serve alongside each other.
Confidentiality	We will keep confidential things which are shared with us in the context of a trusted leadership environment. We are free to share the impact of these disclosures on us without revealing the source.
Encouragement	We will seek to encourage and affirm one another in the service of God and this parish.