

Pastor Guidelines for Committee Selection

What is a ShareLife committee?

A ShareLife committee is a volunteer group of parishioners and clergy that work on behalf of the parish to assist the pastor in delivering a positive and effective ShareLife campaign. Three to four parishioners should comprise a ShareLife committee along with clergy from the parish.

Who are ShareLife committees ultimately responsible to?

Since each parish has own their unique goals, volunteer committees are accountable to the pastor.

Who should select a ShareLife committee?

Pastors should recruit committee members based on their knowledge of active parishioners.

Who would a committee member typically engage with?

- Parishioners
- Pastors
- Parish staff
- ShareLife office
- Parish campaign officers
- Other parish committees
- School principals

What characterizes an ideal volunteer candidate?

- An active parishioner
- Empathetic toward those in need
- A people person
- A persuasive communicator
- Responsive to ShareLife needs in the parish
- Good organizational skills
- Enjoys dcoordinating events
- Bilingual (in second language parishes)

What would a ShareLife volunteer do?

Please see **Friends of ShareLife - Volunteers Presentation** on our website sharelife.org/volunteer. This document describes many ways that volunteers can help.

How long should a ShareLife volunteer serve on a committee?

In order to reapply best practices, leverage relationships and mentor new volunteers, we suggest each volunteer commit to a two-year term. We anticipate that, on average, the involvement of each volunteer will be a minimum of one hour per week.

When should the recruitment process begin?

We recommend parishes begin recruiting volunteers in September, as this process will likely take several weeks. Pastors should begin promoting the need for volunteers in mid-September with the objective of having the committee selected and functional by mid-November. This will give the team enough time to build a campaign plan by the end of January, followed by a full parish kick-off in February in conjunction with the beginning of Lent.

Please ask volunteers to complete the ShareLife Volunteer Interest Form at the following link: www.surveymonkey.com/r/sharelife