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take place
Nov. 8-15,
2015.**

**CATHEDRAL OF ST. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE
Parish Pastoral Council Election**

SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR THE 2015 PARISH COUNCIL YEAR

	 Susan Aspey	<p>My name is Susan Aspey, and I'm interested in serving on the Parish Pastoral Council as a way of contributing to the church's mission in our parish and the larger D.C. faith community. I've been a member of St. Matthew's off and on for about 10 years. When I moved back to DC nearly three years ago, I started attending weekday Mass in addition to the weekends. I've begun serving the parish both as a lector and helping the Eucharistic ministers. Since returning to DC, I've been struck by how the Cathedral embraces the local community and all of the people who call the DuPont Circle area home. Especially today, when the world is increasingly full of strife and downright scary at times, it's such a blessing to have the Cathedral in my neighborhood. I'm an active supporter of the Consortium of Catholic Academies and recently joined the Catholic Business Network of DC. Having worked for many years on education issues, I'm very eager to support learning opportunities for needy children, particularly those who do not receive any exposure to faith at home.</p>
	 Patricia Boehme	<p>Since 2010, upon returning from overseas, I have been participating in services at St. Matthew's Cathedral, a welcoming spiritual family. In 2014 I accepted a one-year appointment to the Parish Committee and have deepened my service and prayer commitment to our Lord through involvement in the Social Justice, Liturgy, Faith Formation, Hispanic Ministries and other ancillary service opportunities offered at the Cathedral. Tuesday evening prayer and reflection in Spanish has deepened my contemplative life, and involvement in interfaith groups has contributed to building bridges between St. Matthew's and the broader community. Understanding that we are all the hands and feet of Our Lord in our communities, hopefully my continuing efforts to reach out will enhance current relationships within St. Matthew's, and encourage new partnerships among other parishes.</p>
	 Dan Horning	<p>I first came to St. Matthew's in May of 2013, looking for a parish community after finishing college. Why God led me to St. Matthew's still puzzles me, but I am nothing short of grateful for that mystery. This parish is a home for me, a place to pray, laugh, rejoice, and be healed. I am an active member of the Cathedral Young Adults and the Social Justice Committee, including coordinating and teaching the English and Spanish as a Second Language programs for a year. If chosen to serve the parish on the parish council, I hope to focus on working to retain young adults as part of the Cathedral family, and more actively promoting the social justice deeds of the parish community to the greater DC area.</p>
	 Chris Maher	<p>I am interested in joining the Parish Council as a way to serve the Lord, my church, and community. Over the years, I have served my local parish church as an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, CCD teacher, and small study group leader. While in the military, I also advised military chaplains' councils on church finance matters. I have been attending the Cathedral, primarily the Sunday 5:30pm Mass. My faith has strengthened here, and I'm excited about new ways to serve the church. I have especially enjoyed getting to know our parish clergy and fellow parishioners, even volunteering for Pope Francis' Canonization Mass at the Basilica – an amazing and humbling experience! My wife, Kristine Dunne, and I are also active in the John Carroll Society and the Catholic Charities Legal Network of the Archdiocese. I'm a life-long Catholic who grew up in the DC area and served as an attorney in the U.S. Army for 28 years. I currently work as a civilian attorney for the Department of Defense.</p>
	 David and Margy Willis	<p>We are eager to continue our service as members of St. Matthew's Pastoral Parish Council, along with our EMC ministry. We are entering our 4th year as St. Matthew parish members, with previous experiences as Parish Council members at two parishes in Portland, Oregon, one of which was St. Mary's Cathedral. Our first year here on the PPC has been a great honor and we have focused our energy as co-chairs of our Stewardship Committee to make visible "stewardship as a way of life" especially during this 175th Anniversary Year. Our parishioners already joyfully contribute to the mission of St. Matthew's in so many ways by the selfless giving of their time, talent and treasure. If elected, we will continue to bring our commitment and energies to build our community and to honor, make visible and expand the many opportunities for stewardship and service for our St. Mathew's family.</p>