

**QUALITIES TO CONSIDER  
WHEN SELECTING OR ELECTING  
*FAMILY COMMISSION CHAIRS***

1. Family Commission Chair is one who has a **Christian vision of family life**. Because Christians enter into a covenant of love with Jesus Christ, we are called to try to act with a consciousness of Christ's presence in our family lives.
2. Grounded in this vision and in a genuine care for families, this person works as an "insider" to pick the key issues, to raise the right questions, and to stimulate action for change that will result in: greater respect for the dignity and role of the Christian family.
3. Family Commission Chair is one who will strive to **communicate effectively**, love deeply, forgive frequently, and share its values with one another.
4. Family Commission Chair is aware that Catholic families no longer fit into one simple mold. In addition to the nuclear family model, there are single-parent families; families of divorce; situations of unemployment; mobility; mixed religion or race.
5. Family Commission Chair is aware of **diverse families** and will consider selecting members of the Commission from different ethnic and cultural background.
6. Family Commission Chair **listens perceptively and caringly** to the needs and concerns of the families in his/her community and members of the Family Commission as well.
7. Family Commission Chair possesses heightened sense of realism about the condition of families today.
8. Family Commission Chair **possesses some background in family studies** and in the Catholic tradition on marriage and family.
9. Family Commission Chair is **open to new ways of doing things**, to new learnings; to hearing a different, even disturbing, voice or viewpoint and be able to respond without anxiety or defensiveness.
10. Family Commission chair is comfortable to acknowledge his/her talents as well as accept his/her own limitations.
11. Family Commission Chair seeks out resources to share with others.

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