

PASTORAL COUNCIL



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MINISTRY DESCRIPTION/OVERVIEW:

As part of the visionary leadership of the parish, the Pastoral Council engages in the process of pastoral planning. Council members are vibrant, faith-filled leaders who have a desire to improve the life of the parish. Through study and dialogue, the council concentrates on forming goals in these five different areas of parish life:

- ◇ parish as a proclaimer of the word
- ◇ parish as a worshipping community
- ◇ parish as a builder of community
- ◇ parish as a servant of the poor and worker for justice
- ◇ parish as a steward of the community resources

As the eyes and ears of the parish, the council members work closely with the staff on the spiritual and material concerns of the community which makes us better stewards of God's gifts.

ACTIVITIES OF MINISTRY:

- Determine the call to be on the council by entering into a process of discernment
- Read educational material about the area of parish life targeted for that year's goal
- Work with an atmosphere of dialogue, discernment and consensus to identify areas of parish life that need improvement
- Formulate goals that are implemented over three to five years
- Support the pastor and staff in implementation of the pastoral goals
- Review previous goals and make adjustments as needed for the life of the parish

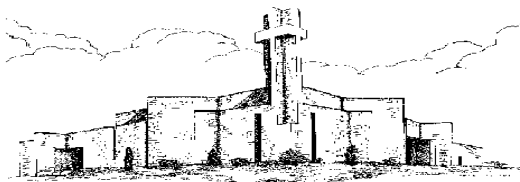
EXPECTATIONS OF MINISTRY:

- Attend monthly Pastoral Council meetings (approximately one and a half hours)
- Be willing to share your thoughts and opinions
- Work on a subcommittee as needed to create and help implement council goals.
- Be willing to consult other parishioners about matters that affect the parish community
- Attend other parish and diocesan meetings as needed

Witness Statement 1:

Being a member of Pastoral Council has enriched my faith life immensely. I accepted the nomination for Council because I was looking for a way to become more of a leader, an example of my Catholic Christian faith. Council does this for me. The members of Pastoral Council are accepting of all opinions, ideas and thoughts. No one is left "unheard".

-Nancy Mowery



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