

THE PASTORAL COUNCIL AT BLESSED TRINITY

WHAT IS THE PASTORAL COUNCIL?

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Pastoral staff members serve as ex-officio members of the Pastoral Council.

The Pastoral Council is a community of faith-filled servants with whom the pastor consults regarding the mission, life and ministry of the Church at **BLESSED TRINITY**.

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HOW IS THE PASTORAL COUNCIL SELECTED?

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The process is not an "election" but rather a "selection". It works this way:

- Beginning this Sunday, January 25, the process is introduced at the Sunday liturgy by Rita O'Neil. Members of the assembly will be invited to begin thinking about who might serve on the Pastoral Council.
- **Nominating ballots will be provided at Mass and in the bulletin on February 1, 8 and 15.** During Mass on these week-ends, other members of the present Council will offer short reflections on their years of service—the gifts, the challenges, the accomplishments, the future plans.
- The nomination process will conclude on the weekend of February 15 (parishioners have **THREE WEEK-ENDS** to engage in the nominating process).
- Specific and general qualifications to be considered in nominating persons are published in the bulletin today (January 25) and are available on the website (www.blessedtrinitymissoula.org and click on Bulletin) and at both entrances to the church.
- **FOLLOWING THE NOMINATION PROCESS** each person nominated will be contacted and asked if they are willing to accept the nomination. If they are willing to accept they must also agree to participation in the **PASTORAL COUNCIL SELECTION WORKSHOP** Saturday, February 28. We must have at least 20 nominees for the workshop to take place.
- During this Saturday workshop the nominees will select from their number **TEN to TWELVE** persons to serve as the Pastoral Council.
- The term of service will be three years. Following their selection they will select a chairperson.



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