

# Blessed Trinity PASTORAL COUNCIL

## WHAT IS THE PASTORAL COUNCIL?

**T**HE PASTORAL COUNCIL IS CONSULTATIVE TO THE PASTOR. The council is composed of selected members of the parish whose primary purpose is the promotion of the pastoral life and ministry of the parish through prayer, study, reflection, planning and goal setting.

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**.

The Pastoral Council is a "prayerful community" of selected parishioners who, with the pastor, reflect on the life of the parish, discerning both gifts and needs, setting priorities and charting a course for the future.

**The work of the Pastoral Council is accomplished through prayer, study, consensus and collaboration.**

## HOW IS THE PASTORAL COUNCIL SELECTED?

**T**he process to form a new Pastoral Council for **BLESSED TRINITY** begins on September 9, 2018.

Present members of the Pastoral Council are Rita O'Neil, chair; Betty Chrestenson, Cathy Burleson, Joan Butler, Ruth Licitra, Pat Mellen, and David Neu. All are eligible for nomination for a second term.

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

- Beginning this Sunday, September 9, the process is introduced at the Sunday liturgy. 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 September 9, 16, 23, 30 and October 7.** The nomination process will conclude on the weekend of October 7 (parishioners have FIVE WEEKENDS to engage in the nominating process).
- Specific and general qualifications to be considered in nominating persons are published in the bulletin today (September 9) and are available at church entrances and on the parish website ([www.blessedtrinitymissoula.org](http://www.blessedtrinitymissoula.org) (click the link on the opening page)).
- 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, October 13.** We must have enough nominees so that the workshop is a viable process.
- During this Saturday workshop the nominees will select from their number SIX to EIGHT persons to serve as the Pastoral Council.
- The term of service will be three years. Following their selection they will select a chairperson.



**THOSE WHO ARE NOMINATED MUST BE ASKED IF THEY ARE WILLING TO SERVE AND ARE ABLE TO ATTEND THE SELECTION WORKSHOP ON OCTOBER 13. IF YOU ARE ASKED TO CONSIDER MEMBERSHIP ON THE PASTORAL COUNCIL, PLEASE TAKE THIS REQUEST SERIOUSLY AND TAKE TIME TO CONSIDER THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE.**

***"We pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and powerfully bring to fulfillment every good purpose and every effort of faith."***

*2 Thessalonians 1:11.*