



St. Benedict Parish Pastoral Council Application

The Pastoral Council is the primary consultative body of the parish to the Pastor. The Pastoral Council's primary duty is to assist the Pastor in the creation and implementation of the Parish Pastoral Plan. The Pastoral Plan defines the objectives and strategies the parish follows to accomplish its mission. The Pastoral Council serves as an advisory body for the Pastor on decisions that have broad and significant impact on the parish. The goal of the Pastoral Council is to represent the parish at large.

The Pastoral Council consists of seven selected lay members of the parish, the Pastor, all clergy assigned to the parish, and other appointed members. Length of term for lay members is three years.

The council meets regularly one evening each month. Some subcommittee work and take action on items and follow up is required of members between meetings.

Minimum Expectations

- Attend and actively participate in monthly Pastoral Council meetings, arriving prepared.
- Perform assigned action items in between meetings to help advance parish priorities.
- Serve as liaison to one or more of the parish programs or ministries.

Eligibility

- Confirmed Catholic in good standing.
- Eighteen years of age or older.
- Registered member of the parish for a minimum of one year. (Waived at the discretion of the Pastor)
- Demonstrated prior service to a parish community
- Passed Diocesan *Safe Environment* background check. (Completed after selection to Pastoral Council)

Selection Process

- Applications reviewed by the current Pastoral Council members and Pastor to ensure eligibility.
- New Pastoral Council Members selected by appointment by August 21, with new Council session starting in September.

Return Completed Application by Sunday, August 5, 2018 to any Parish Council Member or the Parish Center

Name _____
 Address _____
 City/Zip _____
 Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____
 Email address _____
 St. Benedict registration date _____
 Parish of Confirmation/Year _____
 Previous service at St. Benedict _____

Previous service to other parishes _____

Why I wish to serve on the Pastoral Council (use reverse side or a separate sheet if necessary)

I attest that I meet all the eligibility requirements to serve on the Pastoral Council and believe I can fulfill the minimum expectations.

Signature (date)