



PASTORAL COUNCIL TRANSITION TEAM

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*"HONORING OUR PAST...CELEBRATING OUR PRESENT...
BELIEVING IN OUR FUTURE"*

Our parish is transitioning from a parish council to a pastoral council. Why? and What is the difference?

WHY??

In response to Vatican II and the 1983 Revised Canon Law: A pastoral council is to be established in each parish; the pastor presides over it, and through it the Christian faithful along with those who share in the pastoral care of the parish in virtue of their office give their help in fostering pastoral activity. (Canon 536)

All lay men and women, by virtue of their baptism, are called to full participation in the mission of the Church. Transitioning to a Pastoral Council will encourage members to focus on the mission and vision of our Parish and be the visionary planners for our future.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE?

<u>FROM</u>		<u>TO</u>
Parish Council	→	Parish Pastoral Council
A Body of Leaders	→	A Leadership Body
Coordinating Ministries	→	Articulating the Mission
Crisis Management	→	Pastoral Planning
Doing Activities	→	Empowerment and Oversight
Business and Politics	→	Prayer and Discernment
Competition	→	Collaboration
Voting	→	Consensus

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A Pastoral Council is rooted in **prayer** and **consensus**. Each council meeting will be held in the context of prayer and spiritual growth and development of council members. What is consensus? Consensus is a group process for decision making in which all members come to a common understanding and agree to support the decision of the whole. Consensus is built on prayer, seeks the will of God and not any individual, is based on mutual trust and honors the teachings of the scriptures and the Church.

For more information please see the parish website at www.ic-glenville.com – check out the Pastoral Council Corner in the Weekly Bulletin – or ask any members of the Pastoral Council Transition Team. Comments and questions are welcome at any time.