



Diocesan Pastoral Council

Answering the Call to Serve

Catholic Diocese of Gaylord

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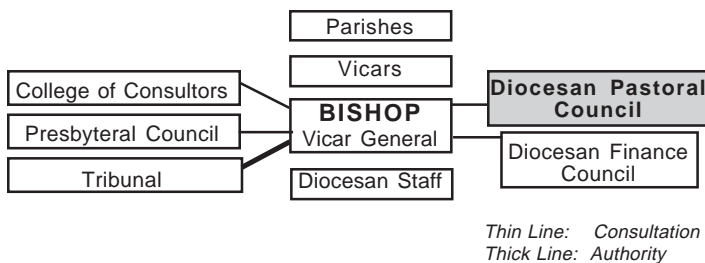
A Shared Responsibility

*"You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, that you may declare the wonderful deeds of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."
1 Peter 2:9*

Father William Bausch, author of *The Parish of the Next Millennium*, states, "The first characteristic of the parish of the next millennium is that it will be lay oriented and one of shared and collaborative ministry."

The Documents of the Second Vatican Council have, for nearly forty years, provided us with the vision and the framework of what church is meant to be. At this time, the beginning of the Third Millennium of Christianity, how far have we come in achieving this goal of a "shared and collaborative ministry" in the Diocese of Gaylord? How do **you** share in building the kingdom of God in your parish and community?

Diocesan Pastoral Council Purpose & Relationships



The Diocesan Pastoral Council of the Diocese of Gaylord is a community of servant leaders, ordained and lay, who are in touch with the life of the Church of Gaylord. The purpose of this body is to assist the Bishop in discerning, through prayer and study, how the diocese can best carry out the mission of the church.

The Council is a consultative body which:

- Receives and studies pastoral needs of the diocese.
- Formulates recommendations concerning the pastoral needs of the diocese.
- Plans for quinquennial meetings of the Diocese of Gaylord.
- Evaluates the implementation of Diocesan goals.

Council Structure & Size

The Diocesan Pastoral Council will be composed of the following:

- Bishop of Gaylord
- Vicar General
- 2 Diocesan priests
- 2 Religious
- 11 Lay Representatives
- 2 persons appointed by the Bishop

Length of term

Members shall serve for a term of five years.

Selection Process

Clergy, religious and lay people will be asked to complete a nomination form indicating background and previous forms of service in the parish and/or diocese. Applicants will then be screened by the selection committee. The desired result is a list of nominees that is greater than necessary to fill the vacancies on the council. This is to assure that final selection will allow for a healthy mix of people from across the diocese.

The selection process will include: Nomination process; Interview process; Orientation process; Biblical selection.

Nomination Forms

Nominees for the Diocesan Pastoral Council must be able to attend the Orientation process, if selected, which is scheduled for September 13, 2003 at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, Gaylord.

Please return completed nomination forms by June 30, 2003 to:

**Diocesan Pastoral Council Selection Committee
Diocese of Gaylord, 611 W. North St., Gaylord, MI 49735**

SELF NOMINATION FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: (home) _____ (work) _____

Personal status: __ Professed Religious
 __ Single __ Married
 __ Divorced/Separated/Widowed
 __ Children - Ages _____

Parish: _____

Number of years in the Gaylord Diocese: _____

Please describe your involvement any parish or diocesan organizations/activities:

Please describe your involvement in any community organizations/activities:

Please list any leadership training/skills and education experiences:

What are your hopes for the Diocese of Gaylord?

Signed _____ Date _____

FORM TO NOMINATE OTHERS

(Please seek the approval of the person before nominating)

Bearing in mind the purpose and criteria set forth on these pages, I nominate the following individual:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: (home) _____ (work) _____

Parish: _____

I have observed that he/she possesses the following gifts//talents/experiences for this ministry:

Signed _____ Date _____

Criteria to Serve on Councils

- A practicing Catholic who is at least eighteen years old residing within the Diocese of Gaylord, and is actively involved in a local parish.
- A person who possesses a willingness to participate fully in the selection process and council meetings.
- A person willing to grow, and to make true and obvious his/her response to God through Christ.
- A person willing to be formed and trained in opportunities provided for growth, understanding of service, leadership, and the development of our diocesan mission.
- A person willing to communicate and invite dialogue in response to ministry and service within our diocese.
- A person willing to be sensitive to the challenges of diversity, variety, and ethnic complexion of our diocese.
- A person willing to direct energies and invest time during tenure, with the ability to attend meetings on weekdays, when meetings on weekdays is necessary.
- A person willing to participate in committee and task force work between meetings.
- A person willing to embrace the vision and embark on the journey with the priority this commitment calls for.