

## **SERVE YOUR PARISH JOIN OUR PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Nominations for election to the St. Raphael Pastoral Council are now open. The Pastoral Council assists our pastor in ministering to the people of the parish. The Council serves mainly as a planning and advisory group. It meets on the second Monday of the month, except for July and December.

Various Pastoral Council committees are involved with specific areas of parish life, such as developing the parish plan; parish celebrations and spiritual enrichment; Council elections; etc. The Pastoral Council works closely with the parish staff, Finance Council, Stewardship Committee, Early Childhood Center, and St. Raphael School. Members of the Council receive input from individuals and groups, e.g., as presenters during Pastoral Council meetings, as well as during their interaction with others in the Parish.

The Pastoral Council has **2** types of voting membership: **elective** and **appointed**. The election on the weekend of **September 25<sup>th</sup>- 26<sup>th</sup>** will fill **4** elective memberships that are open. Elected or appointed members of the Pastoral Council may serve up to **2** consecutive terms of up to 3 years each. After serving **2** consecutive terms, a member must sit out **1** year before running for election again.

Parishioners wishing to run for Pastoral Council should complete a **nomination form** no later than **August 1<sup>st</sup>**. Blank forms and a drop-off box can be found on the Information Table in the atrium. Emails to **Jack Tanas** email address : **[jtanas@nc.rr.com](mailto:jtanas@nc.rr.com)** will also be accepted. Required information includes: **name; address; phone numbers (home, work and cell preferred); email address; number of years as a parishioner; and parish activities.**

Individuals running for Pastoral Council must meet the following requirements:

1. Must be a registered parishioner of St. Raphael for one year prior to September 25, 2010.
2. Must be 18 years of age, or older, by September 25, 2010
3. Must regularly attend weekly Mass at St. Raphael's
4. Must be living or desiring to live the mission statement of the parish, especially as it pertains to practicing stewardship of time, talent and treasure.
5. Must be interested in the parish overall and be without an inordinate attachment to a personal/group agenda.

Salaried staff members of the parish are not eligible to serve on the Pastoral Council.

Individuals running for election must attend a short informational meeting prior to the election. A photograph and short biography are also requested.

Qualified parishioners are welcome to submit names, including their own, for nomination. If nominating an eligible person other than yourself, you must first secure their approval.