



Mark your calendars now for: *Called to Lead 2016*

Discernment Process for Councils and Commissions

Are you already a member of a St. Brendan Council or Commission? If not, would you like to be? Join us this fall for a time of prayer, fellowship, and an opportunity to both strengthen and discover your call to leadership here at St.

Brendan.

Date: Saturday, June 4th, 2016
8:30am Mass
9:15am Overview of Discernment
10am Prayer, Reflection
11am Discernment in group
12noon Closing Prayer

If you are not already a member of a Council or Commission, and you would like to be, please fill out the form below to nominate yourself. Or, please fill it out to nominate someone you think would be interested in serving in a leadership capacity.



ST. BRENDAN PARISH COUNCILS & COMMISSIONS DISCERNMENT PROCESS NOMINATION FORM

Person nominated: _____

Council / Commission nominated for: _____

I have (_____) / have not (_____) advised the above person of this nomination.

Person submitting nomination: _____

*Return this form to the Parish Office, or place it in the collection basket.
All nominations must be received by May 15th, 2016.*

COUNCILS AND COMMISSIONS--INFORMATION & CRITERIA

Each council and commission listed below meets monthly, and require that potential members be able to *dedicate an average of 4-8 hours per month (includes the monthly meeting time) to council/ commission work*. Each term is usually three years, with the option to discern for an additional three years.

PASTORAL COUNCIL - Meetings are usually held the 1st Thursday of the month.

- recommends to the Pastor priorities and direction through long-range planning and visioning;*
- promotes communication and understanding among parishioners, parish organizations, the archdiocese and the wider church.*
- Nominees must be registered parishioners for at least 1 year and fully initiated for at least 2 years

FINANCE COUNCIL - Meetings are usually held on the 4th Thursday of the month.

- advises the Pastor & Pastoral Council regarding effective stewardship of parish financial and personnel resources;*
- develops and oversees parish budget and long-range financial planning.*
- Nominees must have expertise related to finance and personnel management

FACILITIES COMMISSION - Meetings are usually held on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

- advises the Pastor and Pastoral Council regarding effective stewardship of the parish facilities and grounds;*
- develops strategic plans and policies for use of parish facilities and grounds.*
- Nominees must have an interest in any one of the following: in facilities maintenance, construction, design, management, or long-range planning and implementation of policies

FAITH FORMATION COMMISSION - Meetings are usually held the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

- recommends to the Pastor policies and programs which address faith formation needs of the parish*
- promotes and coordinates ongoing faith formation for every age level;*
- Nominees must have familiarity with Catholic catechetical documents and concepts

PEACE & JUSTICE COMMISSION - Meetings are usually held on the 4th Wednesday of the month.

- recommends programs to familiarize the parish with Catholic social teaching;*
- addresses justice issues and the human concern needs of the local area*
- Nominees must be willing to learn about Catholic social teaching, and to be proactive in peace & justice issues

SCHOOL COMMISSION - Meetings are usually held on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

- advises the Pastor and Principal as they form policy and direct the ongoing development of the parish school.*
- Nominees must be committed to Catholic education and advocacy for a strong relationship between our Parish and School

STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION - Meetings are usually held on the 4th Saturday of the month.

- promotes stewardship of time, talent and treasure as a way of life at St. Brendan;*
- provides leadership, planning, strategies and materials for this effort*
- Nominees must be committed to the principals of stewardship as an expression of our Christian discipleship

WORSHIP & SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMISSION - Meetings are on the 2nd Thursday of the Month

- recommends to the Pastor policies & practices consistent with archdiocesan and universal church norms.*
- assesses parish spiritual needs in the areas of communal and personal prayer, devotions, liturgy and environment;*
- Nominees must be willing to discern parish needs based on liturgical norms and pastoral needs.

HISPANIC MINISTRY COMMISSION - Meetings are held on last Sunday of the month.

- assists the Pastor in strategic planning, policy development, and identifying needs of the Hispanic community, and makes recommendations to the pastor.*
- educates the parish, consultative bodies, and staff about Hispanic cultural traditions and provides oversight of committees in the Hispanic community working on opportunities for cross cultural activities.*
- Nominees must be willing to work cross culturally and be comfortable with bilingual meetings.