

Pastoral Council Constitution *(Revised)*
Christ the King Parish/ Newman Center
Missoula, Mt.

According to Canon 536 (#1) of the revised Code of Canon Law:

"a pastoral council is to be established in each parish. In this council, which is presided over by the parish priest, Christ's faithful, together with those who by virtue of their office are engaged in pastoral care in the parish, give their help in fostering pastoral action."

Therefore the Pastoral Council of Christ the King Parish is constituted as a body of shared ministry. The Council will seek to implement the Parish Mission Statement in planning and coordinating the overall policy and pastoral life of the parish. The Council shall be regulated by the norms laid down by the diocesan Bishop.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:

"Christ the King Parish is the Newman Center for the University of Montana and a parish community with University Students. Our celebrations of Eucharist are the source and summit of our lives. Our mission is to teach, promote and live the Gospel values of love, social justice, peace, forgiveness and compassion. These values are the foundation of our lives, and through us, for our families and for the global community."


The Council is the primary consultative group in Christ the King Parish. Its purpose and role extend to all aspects of parish life, including:

- promotion of faith and prayer among all parish members;
- planning for the future of the parish;
- reviewing and evaluating pastoral activities and ministries of the parish.

The Pastoral Council will be representative of the parish membership and will consult parishioners about the pastoral needs and priorities of the parish as needed. Prayer and faith sharing will form a significant part of each Council meeting. It is presumed that Council members participate regularly in parish liturgy and any special enrichment experiences the Council may create.

The Council will function within the By-Laws established by the Council. The Council is consultative to the pastor who will respect the recommendations of the Council. The Council cannot be dissolved without the permission of the Bishop.

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James J. Hogan, Pastor