**Membership of a Parish Pastoral Council**

The Parish Pastoral Council is a representative body of the parish community, working in close collaboration with the priest(s) of the parish. Membership of the PPC includes Priest(s) of the parish and lay representatives. The members are baptised Catholics who participate in the life and worship of the parish.

It is helpful for the future working of the Parish Pastoral Council and for greater parish involvement if the selection of members of the Parish Pastoral Council is preceded by the informing of all parishioners of the nature of Parish Pastoral Councils and of the process for selection.

**Choosing the members**

Parishes must decide upon a method of selecting members that is appropriate to their own particular situation. Some of these options include:

1. **Selection**
   * by priest(s)
   * by priest(s) and PPC after consultation
2. **Election**
   * by parishioners
3. **Representation**

* of particular groups active in the parish
* of a particular aspect/dimension of parish life