

## **A Call for Parish Pastoral Council Nominations**

***St Michael Parish Mission Statement:*** “The multi-cultural community of St. Michael Parish strives to create an atmosphere of active participation by all parishioners, through the celebration of the sacraments and the proclamation of the Word of God, in English and Portuguese. We invite all people to grow in their knowledge and love of God, to serve Him through our stewardship, commitment to Catholic education and community-based ministries, and to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ.”

Have you thought about you how you can actively participate in the multi cultural community of St. Michael's? An opportunity awaits you... become a member of the Parish Pastoral Council. Election of new PPC members will occur this coming September. Any registered parishioner over 18 and participates in the sacramental activities of the parish is eligible. The Parish Pastoral Council is an important ministry in our parish. Through it, the priorities and direction of St. Michael are determined, new ministries undertaken, and pastoral concerns of our Catholic community are addressed. Our pastor works collaboratively with the council and participates actively in the meetings. To participate in the PPC, is to participate in a ministry of Christian leadership and service.

If you are interested in seeking election, or would like to nominate some one for Parish Council, please do so anytime in May or June by contacting the Parish Secretary. The details of the Parish Pastoral Election are given below:

### **St. Michael Parish Council Election Plan 2008**

1. St Michael's will adhere to the PPC By Laws as set for by the Archdiocese of Boston 1988 – 8<sup>th</sup> Synod
2. Nominees will meet the qualifications as listed under Section C of Part III (Guidelines)
3. Fr Ron will confirm that members who are in 3 year status wish to remain on PPC
4. Open nominations will be for number of remaining openings (total number of PPC members will be 12, excluding Parish Staff, 1 Youth Representative HCH, 1 Youth Representative from CCD, 1 Brazilian Community Representative)
5. Nominations will be accepted from May through August 2008. Parishioners can nominate themselves or be nominated by contacting Anna Lopez at 978 562 2552
6. Nominations for PPC will be drawn at 10:30 Masses (Upper Church for Portuguese PPC members) 10:30 Lower Chapel for English Speaking PPC members) on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>

September – the closet Sunday to the Feast of St. Michael (29<sup>th</sup> Sept) The Holy Spirit will decide the election – no voting, no paper ballots

7. New members will begin the 2008-2008 PPC session in October
8. New members of Parish Council will decide new lead for 2008 - 2009