

## Parish Pastoral Councils - Educational Resources

### Periodicals

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- Today's Parish Minister** magazine [www.todaysparish.com](http://www.todaysparish.com)  
Encourages its readers to "see parish ministry as a whole--how all the parts need to fit together: liturgy, religious education, pastoral planning, administration, and more."
- CHURCH** quarterly [www.nplc.org](http://www.nplc.org)  
Written especially for pastors, parish staff, parish leaders, and diocesan offices.

### Publications

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- The Parish Management Handbook** [www.twentythirdpublications.com](http://www.twentythirdpublications.com)  
Edited by Dr. Charles Zech; Twenty-Third Publications; 2003
- I Like Being in Parish Ministry: Pastoral Councils** [www.twentythirdpublications.com](http://www.twentythirdpublications.com)  
Fischer, Mark; Twenty-Third Publications; 2004
- Prayer Services for Parish Councils** [www.liturgicalpress.com](http://www.liturgicalpress.com)  
Eimer, O'Malley; The Liturgical Press
- Co-workers in the Vineyard of the Lord:  
A Resource for Guiding the Development of Lay Ecclesial Ministry** [www.usccbpublishing.org](http://www.usccbpublishing.org)  
U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2005  
*Co-Workers* offers pastoral and theological reflections on the reality of lay ecclesial ministry, affirmation of those who serve in this way, and a synthesis of best thinking and practice.
- Revisioning the Parish Pastoral Council: A Workbook** [www.paulistpress.com](http://www.paulistpress.com)  
Gubish, Jenny, McGannon; Paulist Press, 2001  
A step-by-step approach that includes guidelines for setting up a planning team, assessing the parish's needs, creating a mission statement and parish plan, introducing the plan to the community and encouraging leadership to put the plan into action.
- Parish Ministry Pamphlets** (various) [www.nplc.org](http://www.nplc.org)  
National Pastoral Life Center  
Pamphlet topics include: effective parish meetings; catechist tips; lectors; Eucharistic ministers; altar servers; cantors & song leaders; parish etiquette at Mass; small group facilitating; parish unity; praying in public; keeping our children safe; etc.

### Internet

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- Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown:** [www.ajdiocese.org](http://www.ajdiocese.org)  
Parish Life Office: [www.ajdiocese.org/parlif/pl.html](http://www.ajdiocese.org/parlif/pl.html)
- U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB):** [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)  
Committee on the Laity (click on "Projects & Topics"): [www.usccb.org/laity/laitycom.shtml](http://www.usccb.org/laity/laitycom.shtml)
- Conference for Pastoral Planning & Council Development (CPPCD)** [www.CPPCD.org](http://www.CPPCD.org)
- Emerging Models of Pastoral Leadership:** [www.emergingmodels.org](http://www.emergingmodels.org)  
A Lilly Endowment-funded project sponsored in part by the National Association for Lay Ministry ([www.nalm.org](http://www.nalm.org)). The project provides "research into pastoral leadership models in today's parishes and creating a national conversation about the role of 'pastoral imagination' in developing spiritually alive parishes." A national summit announcing and discussing project results will take place in April 2008.
- National Leadership Roundtable for Church Management (NLRCM):** [www.nlrcm.org](http://www.nlrcm.org)  
"An organization of laity, religious and clergy working together to promote excellence and best practices in the management, finances and human resources development of the Catholic Church in the U.S. by greater incorporation of the expertise of the laity."