

**Pastoral Council Candidate Name: Liz Selgrath**



- ***Please provide some basic background information about yourself through a brief bio. Include details regarding how many years have you been a parishioner of St. Alphonsus Parish and any ministries, groups or activities that you've been a part of at St. Alphonsus or other parishes.***

My name is Liz Selgrath. I was born and raised in New Jersey. I attended Catholic grade school (Rev. Brown), high school (Pope John XXIII) and college (University of Scranton). I met my husband, Chris, shortly after graduating college. Since then, we have been parishioners of several parishes stretching from as close as Cosmos and Damian, and Mary Mother of the Redeemer, to St. Mary's Parish in Richmond, VA before we settled back in this area to raise our children. We have 4 children ranging in ages from 8 to 13. Our children attend Our Lady of Mercy Regional School here on our campus. My oldest son is an altar server here. I've been very involved with my children's school community over the past several years and I would now like to become a more active member of St. Alphonsus Parish as well. I love that my communities overlap and am looking to broaden that even more.

- ***Why are you interested in serving on the Pastoral Council?***

I have always liked to be involved with what I believe in. It is very rewarding for me to be a part of what I partake in. My parents, my husband's parents, my Aunt and Uncle and my immediate family are all members of St. Alphonsus. We all receive something from our parish when we simply attend Mass. We have moments of celebration, moments of sadness, moments of need, and simply moments of belonging. I would like to contribute to what makes this parish so special for all of those moments for my family and for other parishioners.

- ***What experience and talents do you have that could be of benefit to the Council?***

I have experience working within groups for common goals. I also have the energy and commitment to give to the term. My most valuable talent really isn't a talent though. My viewpoint as a mother of young children is more of a gift that I was lucky enough to have been given, however, this perspective is an important facet of a thriving parish.