

## **COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

*The Communications Commission plans and helps create a communications system that enables an accurate and current information flow within the parish, and that presents the parish attractively to the general public.*

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### **Bulletin**

The bulletin is the regular print medium through which ministry leaders announce programs and events, and give reports, to the parish community as a whole.

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### **Library**

The library provides books, magazines, films, and CDs for the parish community. There is an emphasis on great literature that specifically addresses Catholic interests. All parishioners are welcome to use the library and to borrow its contents. Also, library staff answer questions and can search the Internet. Groups are welcome to meet in the library and make use of its resources. The collection amounts to over 6,000 books, tapes, CDs, videos and DVDs. Subjects include fiction, biography, art, scripture, social justice and spirituality; the library collection also includes books for very young children. The goal is to reflect parishioners' interests, and suggestions for new books and CDs are welcome. Programs hosted by the library include exhibits, book sales, author talks and book signings, play readings, and movie screenings. Announcements in the bulletin and on the parish website give advance notice of these and other activities.

Opportunities for becoming a library volunteer include: cataloguing and preparing new items for the shelves, helping parishioners find books, and planning special events such as speakers and author signings.

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**Newsletter**

The newsletter is published approximately quarterly. It is primarily an electronic publication distributed via email, although a couple hundred print copies are available in the church vestibules. The newsletter contains a lead article from the pastor, plus a range of articles about parish programs, ministries, and individuals, as well as artwork created by Blessed Sacrament School students.

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**Parish Guide**

This guide lists all the programs, activities, and ministry opportunities the parish offers in any given year. It is updated annually.

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**Social Media**

The Facebook Page (Blessed Sacrament DC), with 610 “likes,” is one of the principal conduits for parish news and announcements. The Commission is seeking volunteers comfortable with social media to assist in developing and monitoring the page, and to create effective audio and video postings on the parish website. Use of other social media is under consideration.

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**Website**

The parish website is the regular electronic medium through which parishioners and non-parishioners alike learn about the identity, purpose, leadership, services, organizations, and activities of the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament. The website is undergoing a complete redesign. The Commission is seeking volunteers with website design and management experience.

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