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*For to
me, to
live is
Christ
and to
die is
gain.*

Philippians 1:21



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Meet our Pastor

“Vivere Christus est”, which means “To live is Christ” from Philippians 1:21 is one of the favorite Paulinian quotations of our new pastor, Father Joyle Terredaño Martinez. Born on October 16, 1965, in Lagangilang, Abra, Philippines. Like any normal kid he had dreams of becoming somebody in the future, like be in the Air Force just like his dad and fly fighter planes. He did not grow up dreaming of becoming a priest but eventually his vocation had developed as he was undergoing his formation in the seminary. When Father Joyle was in fifth grade, he was recruited by a nun who regularly visited his home and talked to his parents about him considering to enter the local minor seminary.

Father Joyle entered St. Joseph Seminary (Diocesan High School or Minor Seminary) at the age of 11. After graduating, he went on to college at San Pablo Seminary in Baguio City, Philippines where he earned his bachelor degree major in Philosophy and minor in Sociology.

During his formation years in the seminary Father Joyle began to question whether he really wanted to become a priest or not. All of his classmates from high school had dropped out of the seminary. While in the last years of his priestly formation in the Immaculate Conception School of Theology in Vigan City, Philippines and as he neared his diaconate ordination, he felt God’s calling for him to be a priest finally. Despite his little interest to the priesthood throughout the years, God never gave up on him like his high school classmates. He finally realized that God after all had been calling him all the years of formation by keeping him on the right track despite his desire to opt out from formation every now and then. In addition to his decision to say YES finally to God’s call to the priesthood, he was inspired by his father sudden involvement in their local church and the latter’s commitment and dedication to the local church’s activities, organizations and ministries. This started when Fr. Joyle was in the college seminary. His father had been so cold to church activities then and was not even a frequent mass-goer throughout the years of his childhood. With that and all the support that he got from his family, relatives and friends, he decided to be a priest.

Father Joyle was ordained on April 6th, 1991, at Holy Cross Church, his local parish in the Philippines on a bright Easter Saturday morning. During the first year, he was assigned as the Parochial Vicar at St. James the Elder Cathedral in Bangued, Abra, Philippines. After his stint as a Parochial Vicar in 3 parishes of 3 years, he was made as a Pastor and a School Director of San Narciso Parish and Our Lady of Fatima School in Bucay, Abra, Philippines. He spent his last ministry years in his local diocese in the Philippines by being assigned as a Rector for five years at St. Joseph Seminary, his alma mater. After that he decided to come and serve as a priest in the diocese of Sacramento with the blessing of his diocesan bishop in the Philippines. He was made a Parochial Vicar at St. Rose of Lima, Roseville for 2 years and 9 months and then assigned as a Parochial Administrator at the Holy Family Church, Portola for the next 3 years. His last assignment was at Sacred Heart Parish in Red Bluff, California as a Parochial Administrator since 2009 before coming to be our pastor at St. Paul Parish July 1st this year.



He admits that he adapted himself to the American way of living by doing everything in the house by himself. It quite different from his old experience in the Philippines where everything was given, done and completed by a set of people assigned to assist priests in the household chores and the like. He loves the system here for at a very young age he had learned to live independently as much as he could.

Fr. Joyle loves music. He was a member of the choir and was the head of the accompaniment group then back in the seminary. He continues to enjoy playing the guitar and some instruments whenever he can find time. In addition to that, he spends his extra time also doing some photography stuffs as an artistic hobby.

When asked what his dream for St Paul Parish is, Father Joyle responded, "This is a beautiful multi-cultural parish, and I would love to see everyone to grow in the spirituality of St. Paul appreciating even the smallest contribution that any one can share. With that being said, everyone must continue the work from where St. Paul and the other disciples left that together we can have a church that serves rather being served."

He envisions a community where every parishioner cares for everybody, feels with every parishioner and worships God as a family. He believes in spirit of stewardship and hopes that everyone would have the desire to contribute to the parish with their time, talent and treasure to ensure our parish's sustainability for future generations.

**The Pastoral Council invites all parishioners to attend
Father Joyle Martinez's installation as Pastor of St. Paul Parish on Saturday,
August 16, 2014, at the 4:00pm Mass.**

**Bishop Jaime Soto will preside at the installation and the mass.
Following the mass, all are invited to join Father Joyle, Bishop Soto, and your
fellow parishioners for a simple "meet and greet" reception in the parish hall**

**After every mass on Sunday, August 17, 2014, there will also be a simple
"meet and greet" in the parish hall. Please come and enjoy some refresh-
ments with Father Joyle and one another.**