



THE CALL

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God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (1 Cor. 1:9).



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An Inside Look at the St. Paul Pastoral Council

The St. Paul Pastoral Council plays a vital role assisting the different ministries in the church, fellow parishioners and our pastor. Presided over by our pastor, the Council is made up of a diverse group of parishioners who are willing to commit their time, talent and treasure to serve as representatives of the community of St. Paul. Unlike other ministries in the parish, the pastoral council is appointed by the pastor based on the following criteria from the Diocese of Sacramento.

Council members should be:

- of proven faith,*
- with sound morals,*
- demonstrating the gift of wisdom and prudence,*
- willing to commit their time, talent and wisdom in a consultative and collaborative manner.*

Through prayer, study, action, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the Pastoral Council assists the pastor with pastoral planning, developing pastoral programs, improving pastoral services, and evaluating the effectiveness of various programs and services. The Pastoral Council does not make any binding decisions but instead acts strictly as an advisor to the pastor.

In 2004, the Diocese of Sacramento published the “Synod Pastoral Initiatives”. The Pastoral Council divided the Synod into six initiatives in which the council members be-

came a representative and liaison for the various ministries each initiative contains. The initiatives and their respective council representatives are as follows:

- 1. Evangelization & Faith Formation – Paul Pham*
- 2. Vocations – Billy Monteagudo*
- 3. Collaborative / Cultural Diversity – Josephine Foster*
- 4. Sacraments & Lay Ministry – Lorraine Latreille*
- 5. Youth & Young Adults Ministries – Dale Yamamoto & Kay NaRanong*
- 6. Social Service & Social Justice Ministry – Nellie Basquez, Beth Velasco, & Gustavo Rodriguez*

In 2011, the Pastoral Council met with the leaders of the various ministries at St. Paul, to introduce the council and explain its purpose. During the meeting, the Pastoral Council listened to ministry leaders' ideas and comments on upcoming activities/events and addressed any concerns that they had. Due to the overwhelmingly positive response to this meeting, it was decided to have a semi-annual joint meeting with the Pastoral Council and ministry leaders.

The Pastoral Council meets with the Pastor monthly, publishes The Call, sponsors the Ministry Fair, Reflection Day, Parish Mission, White Elephant Sale, Celebration of the Feast of St. Paul, New Years Eve Dinner and Dance, and the Parish Festival. The Council's activities are accomplished through the support of the many parishioners, who share their time and diverse gifts with all of us. St. Paul has been truly blessed by their generosity.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about the Pastoral Council, please visit the St. Paul website at http://stpaul-florin.org/Parish/parish_councils.htm or contact any of the Pastoral Council members.

