

# What is a Pastoral Council?

## Saint Martin of Tours Pastoral Council

We are pleased to announce our newly established Pastoral Council. Parish Pastoral Councils exist in three quarters of the Catholic parishes in the United States. Our Council has been established according to the guidelines set by canon 536 of the Code of Canon Law, and as directed by the Bishop of San Diego. The purpose of the Council is to assist the pastor and pastoral staff in areas such as faith formation, pastoral planning, establishing goals and objectives, and planning special activities and events.

The Council is consultative and provides direction based on engagement with the larger parish community. Working together to create opportunities for parishioners to grow in their spirituality is our highest goal.

### How were Pastoral Council Members Chosen?

When we began planning for a Pastoral Council parishioners were invited to nominate themselves or someone else. All members either applied or were suggested by fellow parishioners. Each will serve for terms ranging from one to three years. Twelve members make up the core Council, but members of the pastoral staff, including the pastor and deacon, will also attend meetings.

There will also be representatives from the Finance Council and Liturgy Committee attending. The twelve core members reflect the parish population in gender, age, and culture in order to provide an opportunity for multiple perspectives when making recommendations for action. When current members leave their positions, new members will be selected by the Council in consultation with parishioners.

### What do Council Members Do?

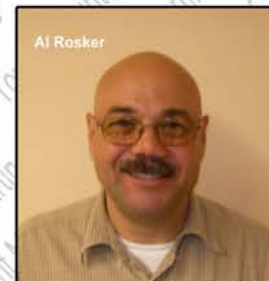
Council members will act as lines of communication for parishioners and various ministry groups in order to better serve the needs of our parish community. Father Poulsen will serve as the president of the Council. Eileen Dial, our facilitator, will chair the meetings and create the agenda in consultation with Father Poulsen. Michele Travis has agreed to serve as secretary for the Council, and she will record minutes from the meetings in order to maintain a permanent record of the work done by the Council.

The work will be shared through communication in the bulletin from time to time. If you have any concerns or ideas you would like the Council to consider, you may address them to any member. Please feel free to contact Eileen Dial directly. She can be reached at (619) 460-3748 or by e-mail at [edial4020@cox.net](mailto:edial4020@cox.net)



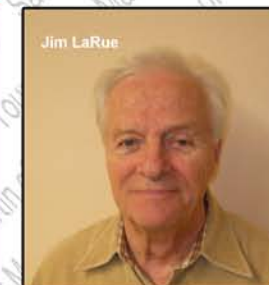
**Michele Travis** has been a member of the parish for twelve years. She is married and has one son, Dane, and one stepson, Joseph. Michele also serves as a catechist for fifth and sixth graders in the Faith Formation program. Her beautiful soprano voice can be heard in the 11 o'clock choir. She feels blessed to be a part of this faith community.

**Al Rosker** and his family have been parishioners since 2004. He helps with the RCIA program and as a Eucharistic minister. Al is currently serving as the Grand Knight in the parish chapter of the Knights of Columbus. He enjoys giving time to the parish and is happy to be serving on the Council.



**Cookie Comer** is a long time parish member. Saint Martin of Tours has been like a second home to her, and she has felt welcome here since the beginning. Her beautiful voice can be heard in two choirs weekly. She also serves as a Eucharistic minister. Cookie is pleased to be able to serve as a member of the Council.

**Jim LaRue** has been a member of the Saint Martin of Tours community for over thirty-two years. He is an excellent planner and communicator. He is hoping the Council can assist the pastor so that he is more able to devote his valuable time and energy to the spiritual growth of the parish.



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Marie Arballo has been a member of the community for many years. Her children have attended the academy, and she has taken a role in several ministries here. She is happy to be a member of the Council.



Lisa Zickert has been a member of the parish community since 2001. She and her husband have three children: Zach 15, Jacob 12, and Katie 7. Lisa is an active member of Saint Martin of Tours. She sings in the 9am choir, leads Ministry of Mothers Sharing (M.O.M.S), assists with Vacation Bible Camps, and serves on the academy's school board. Lisa has a strong desire to make her Catholic faith come alive in her family and to help others ignite their faith as well.



Edwin Hays has been a member of the parish for 22 years. He has served as a lector and also helps in the sacristy. He is happy to be able to serve on the parish Council.

## Council Members



Mary Margaret Kissel has been a member of the parish community for some time. She has served on several ministries here. Mary Margaret hopes to help the community grow closer to the Lord through her work on the Council.

Charlie Farnsworth has been in the parish his whole life. He can often be found greeting parishioners as they enter the church. He always has a smile. Charlie also serves in several other ministries such as SHARE, Social Justice, and Eucharistic ministry.



Ivan Calderon is the youngest member of the Council, but he is ready to contribute to the mission. Ivan is involved in several ministries in the church. He is glad to represent the youth of the parish on the Council.



Eileen Dial has been a member of the parish community since 2005. She is anxious to take a more active role in the community by serving on the Council. Eileen was quite active in her last parish where she served as a Eucharistic minister, sang in the choir, and was a catechist for first and fifth graders.



Ed Quinn has been a member of the parish since 1984. Ed and his wife have been married for 28 years. All three of his children were baptized here and attended the academy. Ed formerly served as the Adopt-a-Student chairperson. He has also assisted with bingo and Marriage Encounter.

In addition to the core twelve members, Pastoral Council sessions will also be attended by these staff members: Father Jim Poulsen - Deacon Tim Treadwell - Toni Dimuzio Chris Davis - Carmen Gronich - Stefanie Battaglia & Susan Skinner. Representatives from the Finance Council and Liturgy Committee will also attend. Many thanks to all.