

Parish Pastoral Council

*Supplemental Guide for
Prospective Members of the
Parish Pastoral Council*

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BEST TIPS

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

This supplemental guide is best used in companion with the virtual orientation video available to view on our parish website at www.cocathedral.org

✓ TIPS

- ✓ Be fully present in mind, body, and spirit (No distractions)
- ✓ Take notes (Jot down your thoughts)
- ✓ Write down any prompting questions (Ask Questions)

ACRONYMS

PPC – Parish Pastoral Council
CCST – Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa

Welcome Remarks

Aloha!

Welcome to our virtual orientation!

Thank you for taking the time to listen to this virtual orientation about the Parish Pastoral Council of the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa Church.

I hope this orientation provides the information you need and some insights about the tasks of the Parish Pastoral Council.

You will have the opportunity to clarify and ask questions during the virtual discernment night.

Rev. Fr. Manny Hewe

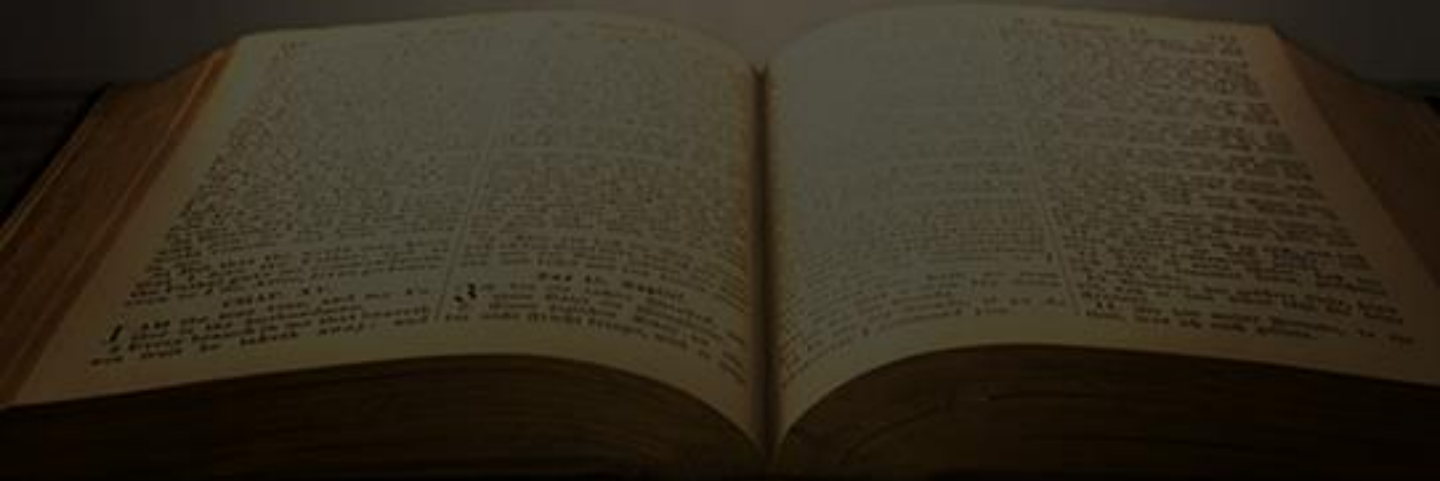
Pastor of Co-Cathedral of
St. Theresa of the Child Jesus



PLEASE JOIN ME IN PRAYER...

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to
Matthew 7:24:27.

"Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. But it did not collapse; it had been set solidly on rock. And everyone who listens to these words of mine but does not act on them will be like a fool who built his house on sand. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. And it collapsed and was completely ruined."



Let us pray:

O God,

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit to guide us in discerning for dedicated men and women to our community's leadership.

We desire to listen to your words and act on them like the Blessed Virgin Mary.

We are a parish that wants to do your will and carry out the mission Jesus entrusted to us.

Please help us find the men and women who will work as a team with the various ministry leaders and guide us in our mission.

We need men and women who will listen to the wisdom of the spirit and the needs of the parishioners of the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa Church.

We need men and women who are open to others' ideas and who will work to bring us all together in unity as brothers and sisters in Christ.

We need men and women who have a great love for you and the parish.

Continue to bless our parish so we can be a people filled with joy and faith as we live out our all to follow your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Through the intercession of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus, grant this through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.



INTRODUCTION BY CYNTHIA CHING

The story of St. Theresa Parish's inception of 1927 from a wooden structure to what it is now , a

“Co-Cathedral” is remarkable as well as inspirational.

From the very beginning, the church was built from the hard work of the committed new arrivals and continuing committed arriving clergy, church leaders, and parishioners.

Thus, we are blessed next year with the Parish celebrating its ninety anniversary.



To gain an insight into the Parish's remarkable and inspirational story from humble beginnings to a “Co-Cathedral”, we invite you to meet and talk to many of our long-time sage parishioners who can give you the unwritten account of the remarkable and inspirational story.

They can tell you about parish life and what had occurred when they were parishioners a long time ago.



INTRODUCTION *continued*

They can reminisce about our numerous church fundraisers and the real behind the scene stories of our loving and supportive community efforts.

Accounts of the many fundraisers such as our huli huli chicken sales, luau, church-school fair, fish fry, and bake sales highlight the humor, love, camaraderie, diversity and sharing of many of our parishioners' unique gifts and talents as well as challenges of parish life.



As you walk through the Church the love and care of our many past, present Pastor and parishioners for the Lord's Temple can be seen in the carefully chosen marble that was used in the construction our church, the four bells specifically named for the Lord's chosen Saints ring soundly on Sundays and other noted occasions and many other visible ear markings.



INTRODUCTION *continued*

You can see beautiful illuminated stain glass windows as the sun filters in our church. Names of former parishioners and parishioners who donated money are inscribed on the pews and holy water font. The present restrooms built by some of our parishioners, some who are living and faithfully attend mass represents a sharing of our Parishioners' gifts and talents.



Our long-time sage parishioners can tell you many more stories about how the Lord has challenged and blessed our Parish Family. I invite you to go out and meet and talk with them. History is known to be oral as well as written. Dann Ebina will now be presenting a brief history of our Parish.





HISTORY OF CCST PARISH

St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Church
was established

Msgr. Stephen Alencastre, Vicar
Apostolic of the Hawaiian Islands

Sep. 1931 - School was staffed by two
sisters from the Congregation of the
Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary
(SS.CC.).

1931

1932

Church building construction was
finished in Sep. 1932



HISTORY OF CCST PARISH

The SS.CC. sisters terminated their services in September 1938 due to a lack of religious personnel.

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet arrived in September 1938 to replace them.

Fundraising began by Msgr. Benedict Vierra (Pastor/Vicar General) to replace the old deteriorating wooden structure.

1938

1941

1956

On January 25, 1941, the Vicariate Apostolic of the Hawaiian Islands was elevated to a diocese



HISTORY OF CCST PARISH

Construction was completed and the new church building was dedicated on Aug. 15, 1963

Renovation began to restore the church interior to its original orientation in the summer of 2009.

Renovated church building is re-dedicated and the new altar consecrated on December 10, 2009

1963

1985

2009

St. Theresa church was elevated to the dignity of a co-cathedral by papal decree on July 28, 1985



CCST PARISH FUNCTION

As well as providing a place of worship for the faithful in the Liliha/Palama community, the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa functions as a primary venue for episcopal celebrations (Chrism Mass, Rite of Election, Jubilarian Mass).



History information
provided by Dann
Ebina

CHARISM OF OUR PARISH

CCST Mission Statement

“We the people of the Co-Cathedral of Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus, seek to be an example of the presence of God through our Christian Catholic worship, education, service, and stewardship of all God's gifts.

We celebrate our diversity of age, culture, language, and viewpoints as a sign of God’s all-powerful and ever-present love in our community of faith.

We strive to witness the gospel of Jesus Christ to evangelize and to respond in love, as well as compassion to our community in Honolulu, to be a welcoming place to all who seek the grace, fellowship, and love of God.”

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CHARISM OF OUR PARISH

Our mission here at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa sums up what we do and what we are striving to do as a community of faith.

Working as a community is challenging, with opposing views, or misunderstandings, etc. but it is that very challenge that inspires us to keep working at it. There is an underlying sense of motivation that captivates us in the sharing of our time, and efforts that ultimately leads to an understanding of each other.



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HISTORICAL OVERVIEW OF PARISH MINISTRIES by Nita Ayag



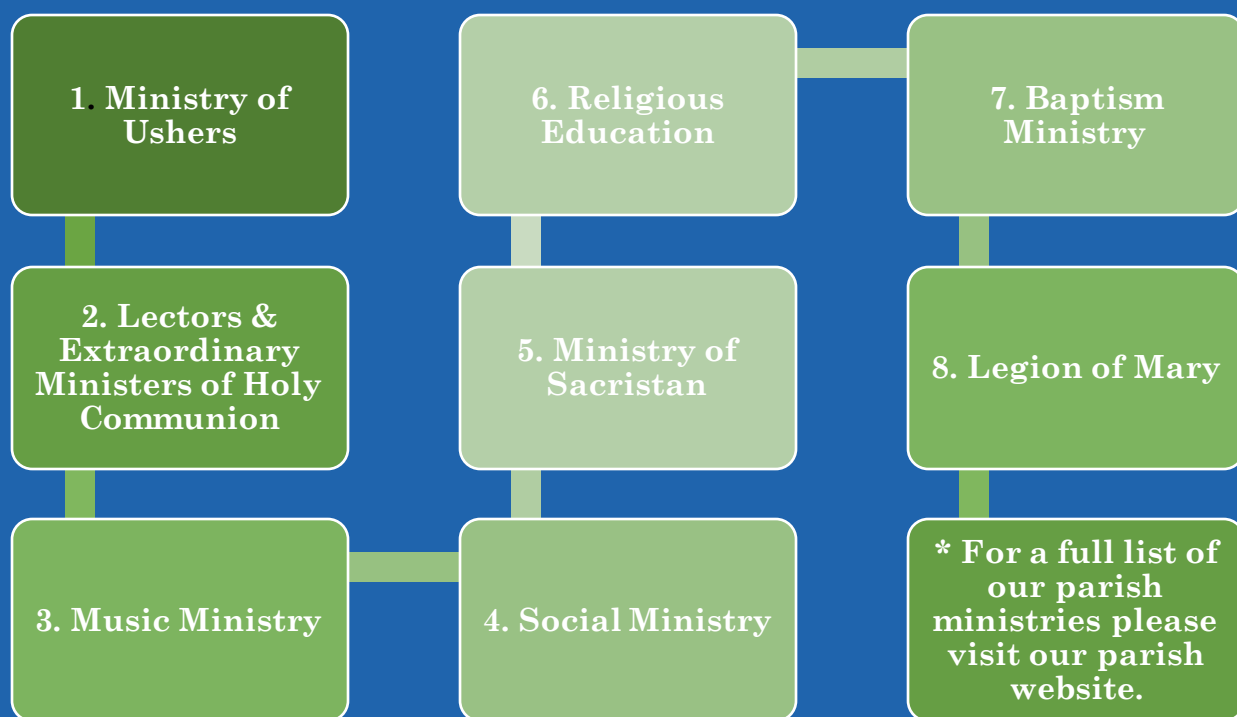
“Vatican II in 1965- included a “ Decree on the Apostolate of Lay people.” It made mention of the ‘Indispensable role of the laity in the church mission’. In the Church Encyclical, on the Mystical Body of Christ, it says that all members of the church are called upon to cooperate in ‘Building up and perfecting the Body of Christ.

Pope Pius XII at The World Congress of the Lay Apostolate emphasized the importance of personal participation by the Laity in the organization and successful execution of many projects in the Religious, social and cultural fields of the church. (1951,1955)

In 1965, After the US Congress passed the Immigration and Nationality Act, immigrants most especially from the Philippines arrived in Hawaii. Most settled within the Kalihi-Palama district. Our Parish saw a significant increase in church attendance, as well as St. Theresa’s school enrollment.”

PARISH MINISTRIES *continued*

Msgr. Benedict Vierra,
Pastor of the parish, and Fr.
Colin Correa, started
training Lay Ministers.



All ministers of the parish are encouraged to have a prayerful life and to have a deeper relationship with God. We have a diverse group of ministers who are bilingual and bicultural.

ELEMENTS OF A PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL



presented
by Faith Leasiolagi

What's the purpose?

Pastoral
Planning

Advisory
& Consultative
to the Pastor

Visionary
Council

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ELEMENTS OF A PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL *cont.*

Expectations of a Parish Pastoral Council

Rooted in prayer, faith sharing and study of pertinent documents.

Listens to the hopes and concerns of parishioners and responds to these hopes and concerns by making concrete recommendations to the pastor and creating a pastoral plan to guide ministries, programs and events.

Leadership of the council is distinct from the leadership of the pastor.

Engage all parishioners in the ministries of the parish and ensure that opportunities to discern Spirit--given gifts are offered.

QUESTIONS?

ELEMENTS OF A PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL *cont.*



ELEMENTS OF A PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL *cont.*

Who should serve on the PPC?

- Every baptized Catholic of the parish
- Currently registered at the parish
- Must be 18 years of age or older
- Be of good standing in the parish

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ELEMENTS OF A PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL *cont.*

Structure of the Parish Pastoral Council

- The Parish Pastoral Council is vital for building the parish as a living Christian community. Due to its vitality, the structure of this council is collaborative in nature, prayer, spirit, mind, and action.



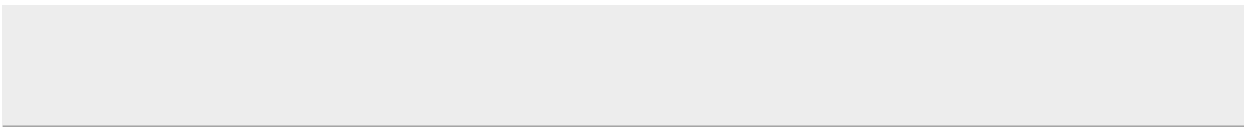
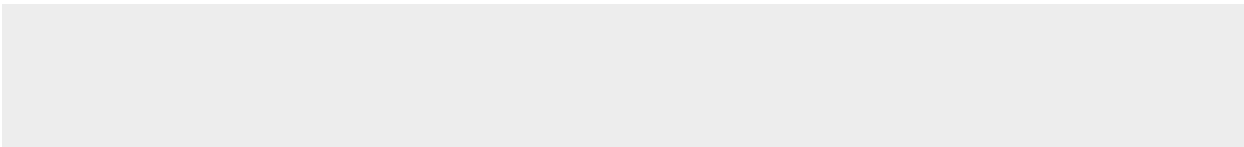
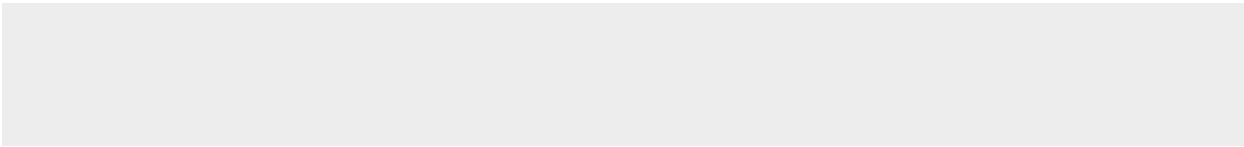
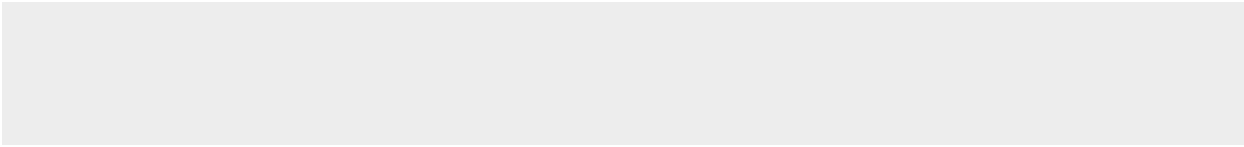
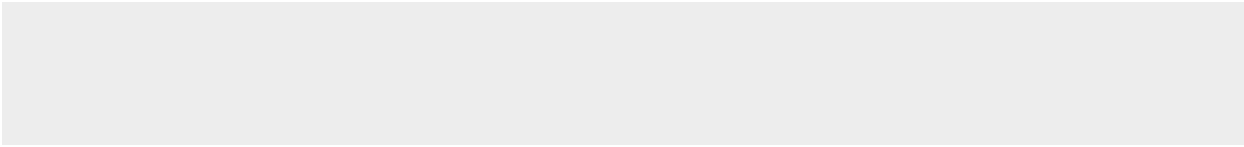
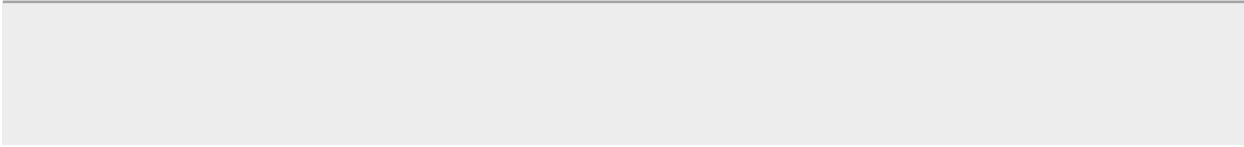
There is a profound unity involved amongst the members of the council, the parish staff, members of the ministries, and clergy especially with the Pastor.

- Maintaining healthy relations between all involved members and ministries is crucial for this structure to work.



Therefore, God, in his three divine persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, is at the center and the moving force of the structure for the Parish Pastoral Council.

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Thank You!

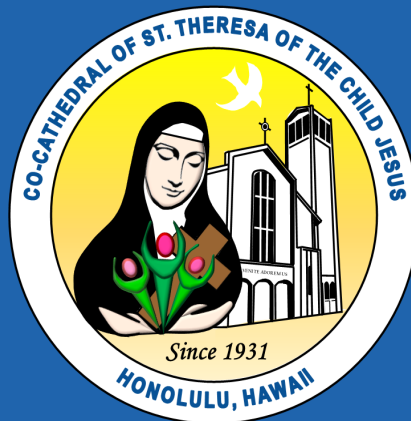
Thank you for joining us for our virtual orientation!

We hope you learned more about our beloved parish and we pray that you join us again for further discernment!

***Our council members will be available virtually to answer any questions that you may have!

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