



Paulist Center Boston

Attentive to the Holy Spirit and nourished by vibrant liturgy, we are a Catholic community that welcomes all, fosters healing and reconciliation, and acts for justice.



JULY 9 - 10, 2022
15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 16 - 17, 2022
16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WEEKEND IN-PERSON MASSES
Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 10:00 AM
6:00 PM

WEEKDAY IN-PERSON MASSES
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 7:55 AM
Tuesday and Thursday 12:05 PM

LIVE-STREAMED MASS LINKS*

One weekend Mass is Live-Streamed. *(available as recording at same link after the Mass)*

Saturday, July 9th YouTube [Link](#)

Saturday, July 9th Order of Worship [Link](#)



Sunday, July 17th YouTube [Link](#)

Sunday, July 17th Order of Worship [Link](#)

**We will occasionally livestream the Saturday 5pm Mass instead of the Sunday 10am Mass. See the bulletin and Weekly Message for the latest schedule.*

“RICH THOUGHTS”

Rich's Sunday homilies are available in blog and video format on the Paulist Fathers' website!



Check them out at bit.ly/RichThoughts.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS

The new administration of the Paulist Fathers was installed on June 7 in Washington, DC. For a week and a half after that, **31 Paulists met for the General Assembly** – the highest deliberative body of our Community, which determines the direction of the newly-elected administration for the next 4 years. You may recall that **in late 2021, the Paulists held “pre-assembly” meetings**, in which some Paulist collaborators and associates (including the Paulist Center’s own **Patty Simpson and Barbara Lapinskas**), **and almost every living Paulist gave input to the upcoming General Assembly.**

This week, we received the official documents produced by the General Assembly. It’s a lot to digest!

Also, because so many of the issues intersect with one another, it’s easy to jump from topic to topic without plumbing the full depth of what the delegates debated for 10 days. Nevertheless, from my initial skimming of the documents, plus some insights from **Fr. Charlie Martin, who was one of the 31 delegates, here are what I believe the Paulists identified as priorities for the next four years.**



Synodality and Laity. The Assembly mandated that outside lay experts be consulted in determining the future of 6 national ministries: Paulist Press; Paulist Productions; Busted Halo; Paulist Evangelization Ministries; Paulist Reconciliation Ministries; and the Paulist Office of Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations.

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Welcome! If you are considering becoming a member, please fill out a membership inquiry form that can be found on our [website](#). You may also call the Reception Desk at 617-742-4460. After returning the form, a staff member will contact you.





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It recommended that a board of five lay people be consulted before each and every quarterly General Council meeting. The Assembly affirmed that “we are committed to encountering, accompanying, and entering into dialogue with the other —personified in our present times as those who are distant from the Catholic Church and its practice, and also those who have been relegated to the peripheries, including women, members of the LGBTQ+ community, those in their 20s and 30s, and people of color.”

 **Confronting Polarization.** The toxicity of the polarization in our nation at this current time is contributing to a number of crises, including dissensions within families and friend groups, increasing acts of violence, and the illusion that our problems are intractable. The Assembly resolved to try to address polarization, while acknowledging that many calls for peace are in reality attempts to ignore injustices. The Assembly still found reasons to hope. “We remember that the namesake of our community, Saint Paul, originated as... a militant ideologue who believed he was doing God’s will through violence. Yet when Saul encountered and was transformed by Christ, he embraced a larger view of God’s world and God’s people.” In addition, many studies indicate that only 10-20% of people in the United States are ideologues, with the rest of the population holding positions of greater nuance, increasingly motivated to advocate for systemic change.

 **Good Governance.** A number of resolutions regarded greater transparency and better financial mechanisms, including a mandate that the personnel manual for lay employees of the Paulist Fathers be “reviewed, updated, and promulgated.”

 **Nurturing Vocations and Caring for Our Older Paulist Brothers.** In light of the success of the recent *Hope for the Future* campaign to raise *financial* capital, the Assembly resolved to conduct a similar campaign that raises *vocational* capital – asking our many friends to take a more active role in promoting vocations to the Paulist Fathers. The Assembly also called for clearer policies so that our elderly brothers can continue living in Paulist communities even as their health declines.

 **Spirituality.** The Assembly made a number of recommendations to better promote the spirituality of Paulist founder Isaac Thomas Hecker in this time and place. It also added two more people to the list of our patron saints: Kateri Tekakwitha and Oscar Romero. While not mentioned explicitly in the document, both Tekakwitha and Romero are saints of color from the Western Hemisphere.

Granted, anyone can write resolutions; it is another venture entirely to get an entire community – especially one operating in a very decentralized manner – to act upon them. Nevertheless, I find hope in this paragraph that comes from the report written by the committee addressing toxic polarization:

We start this journey recognizing our own need for continued transformation, so we collectively ask the Holy Spirit for:

- † *Wisdom – So that we may navigate the complexities and contradictions that can come with this effort;*
- † *Courage – So that we go to the places of hurt and danger in order to bring about the peace and justice that God desires;*
- † *Humility – So that we seek to do God’s work and not our own;*
- † *Understanding – So that our guide is always a fuller truth that goes beyond our preconceived notions;*
- † *Perseverance – So that we continue the race.*

Almighty God, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth!

Rich

Rev. Richard R. Andre, C. S. P.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Spiritual Direction is an opportunity for one to reflect and share one's life and prayer experience and be guided in one's search for God.

Spiritual Direction is available at the **Paulist Center** from **Sister Kathleen Hagerty, CSJ**, and **Christopher O'Rourke**.



Sister Kathleen can be reached at
617-755-9729.

Christopher can be reached at **617-817-3977**.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ...

Long time community member, **Ron DuBois**, who passed away on Tuesday, July 5th.



Please keep Ron, his wife, Kay Doherty, and all their family in prayer during this time of loss.

The family has said that there are no funeral plans at this time.



Over many years, Ron was an active lector and a member of many committees at the Center, sharing his love and knowledge of theology and scripture with our community.

THE ASSUMPTIONISTS - JULY 16TH AND 17TH

The weekend of July 16th and 17th, we welcome **Fr. Njuguna** representing the **Assumptionists/Augustinians of the Assumption**, as part of the **Archdiocesan Mission Cooperative Plan**. His presence reminds us that our church is fundamentally a Mission Church. **He will speak at all the Masses**. The Assumptionists have a house in Brighton and their mission work specifically **supports their missions in East Africa (Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda), Mexico and the Philippines**. Their ministry includes schools and formation programs for both lay and clergy in those countries, as well as efforts to better the living conditions of the folks with whom they live and minister. The Assumptionists vow to live as poor men. Thank you for your generosity to their ministry. Envelopes will be in the pews should you wish to make a donation beyond our community's 5% gift.

WAYS OF GIVING

Our "Community Gift" is the Paulist Center's tradition of **giving away 5% of our weekend offerings**, averaged out over the year, to a group outside of ourselves. **We are so very grateful** for your support during this time of uncertainty and financial challenge.

The weekend of **July 9th and 10th** we designate our gift to **Angel Flight**. This organization coordinates free air and ground transportation for medical patients whose financial resources would not otherwise enable them to receive treatment or diagnosis, or who live in rural areas without access to commercial airlines.

The weekend of **July 16th and 17th** we designate our gift to **Assumptionists/Augustinians of the Assumption**.

Two ways to give to the Paulist Center:

1. To make a one-time or recurring donation to the Center using your bank account or credit card, click on this link: <https://tinyurl.com/DonatePaulistCenter>
2. Giving by text: Text a whole dollar donation amount to **844-899-7511**; this will be designated as your "Weekend Offering."

Thank you

PROGRESS REPORT FOR AFGHAN RESETTLEMENT EFFORTS

In August 2021, the withdrawal of American troops from Afghanistan led to an emergency evacuation of thousands of Afghan refugees fleeing from the Taliban. As part of the **Paulist Center's Immigration Advocacy Group**, we formed a **partnership with St. Cecilia's Community** and formed a **POWIR (Parishes Organized to Welcome Immigrants and Refugees) Site** to work with Catholic Charities at Boston to resettle Afghan refugees assigned to them.



Other organizations played a critical supporting role in these efforts: the Islamic Center of Boston; the Islamic Circle of New England; Jewish Vocational Services; the Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston; and several other organizations that contributed volunteers and other resources.

During the past nine months, this coalition **raised over \$225,000** to pay for rent, utilities, food, clothing, travel and other necessities for **three refugee families** with a total of **20 people**. (Wow!)

The coalition is considering a fourth family for our remaining resources. **Thank you to the 49 Paulist Center community members** who signed up to provide a wide variety of services such as direct family support, applying for public benefits, soliciting and providing furniture, clothing and other items for the families, arranging health care, providing rides for family members to attend appointments, tutoring English and much more.

This massive effort was a huge success because of you!

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

PAULIST CENTER ROSARY CIRCLE INTENTION FORM

Do you have a special intention that you would like the Paulist Center Community to pray for? Our weekly **Rosary Circle** (*see below*) is happy to include your intentions (*may be anonymous*). Go **here** for the form.

PAULIST CENTER ROSARY CIRCLE

All are welcome to the Paulist Center Rosary Circle, every Monday at 7:30pm.

Here's the **Zoom link** Meeting ID: 487 503 158 Passcode: 021078



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