



# 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.



AUGUST 20 - 21, 2022  
21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 27 - 28, 2022  
22<sup>ND</sup> 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

## “THE VOICE”: SUMMER 2022

is now online!

<https://paulist.org/the-voice-summer-2022/>



## LIVE-STREAMED MASS LINKS\*

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

Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup> YouTube [Link](#)

Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup> Order of Worship [Link](#)



Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup> YouTube [Link](#)

Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup> Order of Worship [Link](#)

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

## TEACHING AND LEADING THE YOUTH OF OUR COMMUNITY

Do you have gifts that would fit with creating a culture of purposeful, passionate, and proactive people of God who are united around a common vision of teaching the children of our community about the rich nature (and challenges) of what it means to be a Catholic?



### If so, we are looking for teachers for:

- Elementary and Middle School grades
- Jr. High and Sr. High
- Confirmation classes



### Commitment entails approximately two or three Sundays per month:

- 11:15am - 12:15pm for grade school classes
- 11:15am - 1:15pm teen and confirmation classes

**In terms of training:** We welcome neophytes as well as seasoned teachers. In September, teachers gather for an orientation workshop as well as train individually with **Susan Rutkowski, Pastoral Minister of Family Religious Education**, as needed to feel prepared to minister to the children of the Paulist Center. All teachers and leaders **must be CORI'd as well as be or willing to be VIRTUS trained.**

The teacher/leader orientation date is scheduled for **Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:15am.** Please contact **Susan** at [susan@paulistcenter.org](mailto:susan@paulistcenter.org) or 617-948-2426 **before September 5<sup>th</sup>.**

*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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## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY - DINNER & DISCUSSION

The Young Adult community invites those **between the ages of 22 and 39** to the monthly dinner and discussion **after the 6pm Mass on Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>** in the 3rd Floor Library.

**Fr. Rich** will lead a conversation on:

**"Can I Be a Good Catholic Even If I Disagree With Church Teaching?"**.



Email **Mairead** at [mairead@paulistcenter.org](mailto:mairead@paulistcenter.org) if you would like to attend and if there are any dietary concerns.

## 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 **August 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>** we designate our gift to **My Brother's Table**. Located in Lynn, My Brother's Table's mission is to nourish the community every day through hospitality, free meals, and unconditional love. It is the largest soup kitchen on the North Shore, and has served over 2 million meals since the pandemic began.

The weekend of **August 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>** we designate our gift to **SHARE Foundation**. The SHARE Foundation is committed to support and accompany the people of El Salvador and Honduras in their struggle for social justice and sustainable development. And, of course, we remember that the Paulist Center Community has a "sister community" in El Salvador - *Hacienda Vieja*.

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."



## THE GIFTS – AND CHALLENGES – OF ECUMENISM AND INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE

Even before the founding of the Paulist Fathers in 1858, the first five future Paulists each had a deep commitment to dialogue with other Christian traditions. All five of them had become Catholics as adults. Unlike most other Catholic priests in the 1850s, they were committed to explaining the Catholic faith to their Protestant neighbors. They apparently did this for two reasons: (1) to help Protestant Americans better understand the beliefs of Catholics, and (2) to encourage Protestants to convert to Catholicism.

Today, consistent with the teachings of the Vatican's Decree on Ecumenism, *Unitatis Redintegratio* (1964), most Paulists are uncomfortable using the term "conversion" to describe the process of a non-Catholic Christian coming into full communion with the Catholic Church. Every professed Christian – regardless of denomination – has experienced an initial conversion to the Christian faith, and the Holy Spirit continues to call each of us to a deepening conversion in following Christ. To me, using the word "conversion" to describe changing one's religion denomination is offensive. It seems to imply that the Holy Spirit's gifts are restricted to Catholics!

The Paulists were also prophets in interreligious dialogue, but that took longer to develop. While Paulist founder Isaac Hecker studied world religions during his spiritual seeking of the 1840s, it took until the mid-20th century for multiple Paulists to call for the Church to revisit its relationships with other world religions, especially in light of the Holocaust. Most notably, Paulist Father Tom Stransky was the main author of *Nostra Aetate*, the Declaration on the Relation of the Church to Non-Christian Religions (1965). *Nostra Aetate* upholds everything that is "true and holy" in other world religions, explicitly citing specific teachings in Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, and especially Judaism. It goes on to "reprove, as foreign to the mind of Christ, any discrimination against [people] or harassment of them because of their race, color, condition of life, or religion."

Every Christian is obligated to promote Christian unity and interreligious dialogue, and it can be hard to know where to begin. Three of the best ways are to learn about the beliefs of other people, establish deep relationships with them, and attend their worship services. The challenge is that it takes sustained effort. It's true for us as individuals, as a community, as clergy, as lay staff, and as volunteers. No matter what we do, let's keep in mind a paraphrase of *Unitatis Redintegratio*: "In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, diversity; in all things, charity."

We are in the middle of a once-in-a-generation opportunity to celebrate something special among the three Abrahamic religions. In 2021 and 2022, Passover, Holy Week, and Ramadan all overlapped, but most of us were too distracted by the pandemic to pay much attention. They will do so again in 2023 and won't again until 2055. I am contemplating what else I can do, what else we can do to deepen our bonds, our understanding, our deepening of relationship with our loving God through our ecumenical and interreligious connections.

*Rich*

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



## SEASON OF CREATION 2022

SEPTEMBER 1 - OCTOBER 4



**S**eptember 1 through October 4 will mark the fifth year we have celebrated the **Season of Creation (SoC)** here at the Paulist Center. **SoC is a global ecumenical celebration of earth and our role in restoring ecological sustainability and environmental justice.** Pope Francis calls it “a season of increased prayer and effort on behalf of our common home.” Our observance this year will include:

- Bulletin messages and links to video clips & resources
- Wednesday nights zooming Creation: a prayer service **September 7** - then four ‘**Voices from the Pews**’ on the following Wednesdays, featuring Center members telling what they are doing.
- Prayers & songs during the month
- Daily Reflections offered in partnership with *National Catholic Reporter*, available by email.

**Watch for more information in the coming weeks.** To receive more information about how to Care for Our Common Home, email [paulistcentercreationcare@gmail.com](mailto:paulistcentercreationcare@gmail.com).



### DAILY REFLECTIONS FOR SEASON OF CREATION AVAILABLE

**F**or the 34 days of the Season of Creation, you are invited to receive an email each day linking to a brief, 90 second reflection on God’s creation and Care for our Common Home. These reflections, authored by community member **Peter McLoughlin**, appeared in 2019 in the *National Catholic Reporter* and were well received. **If you would like to receive these reflections** (ending October 4), email [seasonofcreationdaily@gmail.com](mailto:seasonofcreationdaily@gmail.com).

## IMMIGRATION ADVOCACY GROUP

**O**ur Immigration Advocacy Group (IAG) is in the midst of planning for the coming year. During the past year we focused on refugee resettlement through the Paulist Center/St. Cecilia’s POWIR coalition; extensive legislative advocacy; establishing and maintaining a new IAG website; and hosting education programs on immigration issues for our Paulist Center members and others involved in our work.

**There are many opportunities for volunteering** to directly assist refugees and other immigrants and to advocate for legislation supporting them.

For more information visit the IAG website: <https://www.paulistcenterimmigration.org> and/or contact Paulist Center member **Ed Marakovitz**: (phone/text) 617-306-9726 or (email) [edmarakovitz@yahoo.com](mailto:edmarakovitz@yahoo.com)



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