

## Barbara Lapinskas

### Pastoral Council Candidate Statement



These are exciting times for the Paulist Center! We are forging new paths for a lay leadership model, with the first lay Executive Director for a Paulist foundation. And, after many meetings, hours of discussion, prayerfully listening to each other's dreams, hopes, fears and aspirations, we will begin implementing the Strategic Plan for our community. We have done amazing things in the past. We must continue to be open to where the Holy Spirit is moving us in the present. The Spirit often asks for growth and change, two things that are often challenging and uncomfortable. But if we continue to listen to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, we can move forward toward "a future brighter than any past."

I would like to offer my service to the Council, listening and bringing to it not just my own voice and experience, but also the voices of fellow community members: recent and long-time, younger and more senior, families and singles, very involved or looking to find their niche.

As an active long-time member of the Paulist Center, I have been involved in many and varied ministries over the years. Most recently, my focus has been on liturgical ministry as a Lector, Sacristan and member of the Worship Committee.

Beyond my experience at the Paulist Center, I offer 25+ years in human resources, experience on a non-profit board and as Executive Director of a small non-profit, and inter-faith experience working in an administrative capacity at a local synagogue.

Thank you for considering me for a position on our Pastoral Council.