

Tara Mullan Rousseau

Pastoral Council Candidate Statement



The Paulist Center has been my and my husband's beloved faith home for nearly 20 years. We were drawn here by its commitment to social justice and the vibrant, nourishing liturgy which continues to sustain and inspire us.

My connection to the Center began even earlier, when I visited the Wednesday Night Supper Club as a street outreach advocate. Among many such spaces, this stood out for its lively piano music and, even more, the deep sense of hospitality and dignity offered everyone who walked through the door.

Today, Michael and I serve in the Marriage Prep Ministry, accompanying engaged couples journeying toward marriage. In 2023 we had the joy of serving as Auction Co- Chairs. This was SO fun, and helped us build deeper relationships and feel a stronger sense of belonging in this community. It also inspired me to look for additional ways to serve.

By day, I'm a clinical social worker in a hospital, where I co-lead a racial justice committee. I also served nine years on the board of directors for a housing nonprofit, including as governance committee chair. Early on, Jesuit Volunteer Corps was formative in solidifying my commitment to justice rooted in the Catholic tradition. I have degrees in Religious Studies, Social Work, and Pastoral Ministry.

Grounded in God's abiding love, I strive to be a source of healing and joy for others. It would be an honor to serve on the Pastoral Council and I ask for your vote.