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NOMINATION RESUMES 2018 PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Pastoral Council Elections will be held during the weekend Masses on Saturday and Sunday 10/11 November 2018.

Four members of our faith community will be elected for three-year terms of service, taking office in January 2019.

Eight candidates have submitted nomination forms and are eligible for election. Their nomination resumes have been reprinted here so that you may vote in a prayerful, reflective, and informed manner.

Please review these resumes in preparation for voting that weekend.



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Christie Brew-Hagan



Please list any past theological or leadership training that would enhance your service to this community:

I believe past training that would enhance my service to this community is my education at Mount Saint Mary's University. I was instructed on teachings of the church, bible study, and had several courses which fulfilled a deeper understanding of the catholic faith and practice as part of the the school's Veritas curriculum.

Please list any current or previous ministry experience at Saint Katharine Drexel or other parishes:

I have volunteered as an assistant teacher for Vacation Bible School 3 times in the last ten 7-8 years. For a period within 2012-2013 I was an assistant for Children's Liturgy of the Word . I also volunteered as a babysitter for a Saturday adult Program called 10 Great Dates for a season. I am currently involved in the White Glove Ministry within the parish.

Please describe your relationship to God and the Church: I love God and do my best everyday to listen to his voice and love others the way I have been called to. The strongest marker of my relationship with God and the Church is my fruitful prayer life. I strive daily to put God first by praying the rosary, reading the bible, listening to faith-filled music, reading or watching Catholic/Christian inspired media everyday.

Please mention anything about your personal life, work experience, or interests that would enrich your service on the Pastoral Council:

An interest of mine is watching documentaries and reality series which portray the lives of individuals all around the world. I am fascinated by diversity, culture, lifestyle, and the unique experiences of people's lives. I believe that a member of the council should have a genuine interested in the lives which others lead so that we can lead our call for discipleship. A genuine awareness and interest of our church community is what a member the council should possess.

How do you think Saint Katharine Drexel Parish could carry out our mission statement and serve its members and the world? I believe that our parish can carry out our mission statement and serve its members and the world by asking its members about their faith journey/experiences, relationship with God, and whether their experiences within the parish could be more enhanced in any particular way. I believe our parish is open and welcoming; a forum on the Saint Katherine Drexel website or other methods of open and anonymous for parishioners to easily express their personal experiences as Catholics, parishioners (or both) could be both insightful and inspiring to those within or outside our community.



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Don Gouker



Please list any past theological or leadership training that would enhance your service to this

community: I earned a BS Degree in Business and Finance from Mount Saint Mary's College. I took many Theology classes during my time at The Mount and certainly learned a new appreciation for my faith and what it means to be a Catholic. I obtained an MBA from Frostburg State University and have worked for several defense contractors over the past 20+ years holding numerous leadership positions such Business Area Manager, Supply Chain Manager, Operations Program Manager and Finance Lead.

Please list any current or previous ministry experience at Saint Katharine Drexel or other parishes:

I have been a lead for the "money counting" ministry for the past five years. Along with my wife Jean, I have performed numerous roles in assisting her with the annual Drexel Ball. Shortly after my aunt, Peg O'Hara started the Christmas Basket program and Saint John's church in the 80's, I started volunteering in that ministry by loading trucks with food and presents and later driving the delivery trucks to Baltimore. I have also participated in several Christmas in April events and was a Kate Award winner in 2014 for my volunteering.

Please describe your relationship to God and the Church: I see my relationship with God as very personal. I know that God is with me in my times of need and He is there when I celebrate my times of joy. With God, I know that I am never alone. I see the church community as tangible evidence of God, as we are always there for one another. The Catholic sacraments that we participate in together not only bring us closer to God, but to each other, to our family and to ourselves.

Please mention anything about your personal life, work experience, or interests that would enrich your service on the Pastoral Council: On April 1, 2000 I married my wife, Jean, at Saint John's church with Fr. Keith as the presider. And yes, there was an April fool's joke delivered by Fr. Keith at the wedding! We have two children. William, who is 16, was also nominated for the parish council is very active at SKD being a Video ministry volunteer and as an alter server. He received youth volunteer awards in 2014 and 2016. Margaret, who is 14, is attending confirmation classes now and has been a Kate's Kids volunteer for several years now.

In John 1, 6:9 it says, "A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light."

As a family, we believe that we can testify to the light by being a light ourselves. We can do this by giving of our time to those around us, this includes participating in volunteer activities in our church and in our local community. We believe that we are truly blessed to be a part of this warm and caring church community and it would be a privilege and an honor to be a part of the pastoral council.

How do you think Saint Katharine Drexel Parish could carry out our mission statement and serve its members and the world?

“Welcoming community” and “giving selflessly” are two items that jump out at me whenever I see our mission statement. I am in awe of the members of this community and how much they give of themselves. This is so evident when we walk into the new church building and see the artesian craftsmanship of our logo hand crafted and hung over our doors by a parishioner and in the stain glass windows salvaged and restored through the “housewarming” appeal. This church community and building grew from a mustard seed and I am still amazed at how much it has grown over the years. Saint Katharine Drexel was a selfless giver to the poor and under educated and we should mimic this by continue to grow our involvement in our local community.

In light of the Church’s recent problems, I reflected back on Deacon Tim Moore’s recent homily and took it to heart: “Each of us is “A” prophet. Raise your voice with your presence! Organize as fellow Catholics and make your voice heard. Don’t leave ... lead.” If elected to a seat on the pastoral council I will do my best to lead because I am proud to be a Catholic and a part of this parish.



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William Gouker



Please list any past theological or leadership training that would enhance your service to this community:

Please list any current or previous ministry experience at Saint Katharine Drexel or other parishes: I am currently a member of the Alter Server and Video Ministries. I provide my technical knowledge to assist in troubleshooting the various errors that sometimes pop up with the computer systems in the Parish. And in the past, I have served in Video Production through the producing of the Lenten Reflection videos and hopefully will continue to serve in the future.

Please describe your relationship to God and the Church: As a high school student, the stresses of life can begin to creep up. Without an appropriate outlet, life begins to boil over. God has been that outlet for me, allowing to place my trust in Him has helped me manage my life. In the past, I was a shy person who would have never been able to get up and talk in front of 10 people, let alone 400, and talk. But with having God there as the best motivators and confidants out there, along with a supportive community, I have become more open, allowing me to be the best version of me.

Please mention anything about your personal life, work experience, or interests that would enrich your service on the Pastoral Council: I am active in Scouting which has given me one of the best leadership opportunities that I have ever had. I have had the pleasure of serving both the Frederick County Scouting Community, but also the Frederick, Louden, and Fairfax Counties' Scouting communities and working with teams to run fun and rewarding events alongside organizing over 500 hours of service that gives help to places that would otherwise not receive the help it needs.

How do you think Saint Katharine Drexel Parish could carry out our mission statement and serve its members and the world?

St. Katharine Drexel was a woman who gave all she had of herself and her resources to helping those who were less fortunate. Our Parish community strives to be Eucharist centered, just as Drexel was herself, through our amazing outreach programs in the community. With the strong youth faith community that we have, emphasizing the call to be loving disciples in our communities from an early age, we echo the call to be just as selfless as St. Katharine was through Christ. So many of our Parish members give their time, talent, and resources to the Church community, giving selflessly, which is one of the best ways that we can honor St. Katharine Drexel.

Mary Ann Infantolino



Please list any past theological or leadership training that would enhance your service to this community.

The only type of leadership training I had was when I worked in Management. I can take the skills I learned and help apply them to our Church community here.

Please list any current or previous ministry experience at St. Katharine Drexel or other parishes.

Before joining this Parish, I was never really involved in ministry. I now do Kate's Kids on Sunday a month. I also belong to Caring Connections. I am with the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at Citizens Nursing Home. I also participate in the Mass at the Nursing Home once a month and I update

notes on residents that we see. I am also in training to be a Eucharistic Minister at Mass. I have helped out at the Greenery Table for Christmas with the selling of wreaths.

Please describe your relationship to God and the Church.

I feel that God and the Church have always been a part of my life. I feel that God has carved out a path for me and guides me all the time through the ups and downs, which there have been many. When the road has gotten tough, I prayed for guidance. I feel what I have learned through my experience has made me a better person. I would like to share what I have learned with other members of this Christian Community.

Please mention anything about your personal life, work experience, or interests that would enrich your service on the Pastoral Council.

I am married and have four children and four grandsons. My husband and I moved to Frederick in May 2016. I consider myself still learning the ropes here since I live in Bergen County, New Jersey all my life. I am retired after working for 34 years in Management with a Cable Company that was based on Long Island, New York. Once retired, I watched my grandchildren and worked as a Lunch Aide in a grammar school where I lived. I enjoy working and being a part of young children's lives. I like to see them achieve their goals. That is one reason I enjoy Kate's Kids so much. Some of my interests are: I like to bowl, do craft projects with my grandchildren and put puzzles together.

How do you think St. Katharine Drexel parish could carry out our mission statement and serve its members and the world?

The mission statement for the Parish is one of importance to me. When first finding a Parish when relocating here I found this to be so welcoming to new people. Attending Mass in the gym brought back childhood memories where I attend mass with my family in a gym until the Church was built. I feel this welcoming feeling has led me to join some groups to help this community out. I have never done this before in any other parishes I belonged to. I would like to take that and make someone else feel the way I did. The one thing I say to everyone when talking about this parish is all that they offer to everyone's children, young adults, adults and seniors. It has showed me the way to offer my time with helping out. I am still exploring options to help this great parish community out. I would like to be part of all the loving disciples this parish has and shout out, "Join us, you really don't want to miss out on what we have to offer.



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Malonga Miatudila



Please list any past theological or leadership training that would enhance your service to this community.

Leadership training in the Xaveri Movement and in the DRC Ministry of Health that led me to become a member of the Coach Team of the Catholic Youth of the Archdiocese of Kinshasa (1962-1967) and of the Advisory Team of the Ministry of Health.

Please list any current or previous ministry experience at St. Katharine Drexel or other parishes.

Member of Parish Councils, in charge of the Parish Choir in Paroisse Saint Martin of Ndjili Kinshasa,
Paroisse Notre Dame de la Sagesse in Lavassium University, Kimwenza

Kinshasa (1967-1971).

Co-founder of the Communauté Catholique de Washington.

Please describe your relationship to God and the Church.

In one sentence, I would say: God is my lighthouse and the Church is the boat that helps me travel to that safe haven.

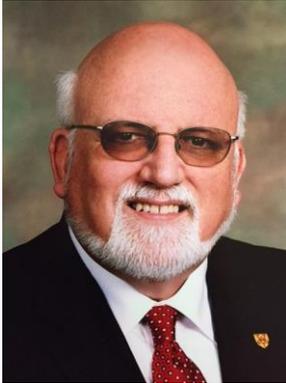
Please mention anything about your personal life, work experience, or interests that would enrich your service on the Pastoral Council.

Cardinal Joseph Malula, the founder of the Rite Zairois, has made me see the potential of using the Eucharistic celebration as a way to retain Catholic Christians and gain new ones.

How do you think St. Katharine Drexel parish could carry out our mission statement and serve its members and the world?

Saint Katharine Drexel parish should become a more lively community through the brotherly universal love of which Christ could attract and retain many true disciples.

James R. Sasiadek



Please list any past theological or leadership training that would enhance your service to this community:

St. Mary's Seminary & University, degree in philosophy & theology; Oxford University, UK
 Johns Hopkins University, advanced degrees in education, administration & supervision, adult learning
 Board of Education: Member, Vice President & President, Baltimore County, MD
 Maryland Association of Boards of Education & National Association of Boards of Education
 St. Johns Regional Catholic School, Board member & vice chairman, 2015-today
 Johns Hopkins University: Supervisor of Graduate/Doctoral Interns in Education
 Administration National consultant in Reading Instruction & Education

Administration
 Retired, Yea!

Please list any current or previous ministry experience at Saint Katharine Drexel or other parishes:

St. Mary's Seminary & University, Baltimore, MD: parish assistance at several parishes (Archdiocese Of Washington, DC & Archdiocese of Baltimore)
 St. Joseph's Parish, Texas/Cockeysville, MD: parishioner 32 years
 Central Maryland YMCA Volunteer of the Year
 St. Katherine Drexel Parish: Eucharistic Minister, Funeral Ministry, Representative on St. Johns Regional Catholic School Board (Vice Chairman)
 SJRCS – Chair, Strategic Planning Committee, Physical Plant Committee

Please describe your relationship to God and the Church:

"We are called to act with justice. We are called to love tenderly. We are called to serve one another. And we are called to walk humbly with God."

As a pilgrim on a journey to a destination of salvation; I expect myself to reflect, contemplate, and imagine along the way daily.

Please mention anything about your personal life, work experience, or interests that would enrich your service on the Pastoral Council:

Retirement affords me the opportunity to give the gift of time and talent freely. Raising a family and working with children and adults; I have learned through my experiences that "We are called . . ."

How do you think Saint Katharine Drexel Parish could carry out our mission statement and serve its members and the world?

I would hope to work in consort with the pastoral council and under the guidance of our pastor to help SKD parish and its parishioners actively live their faith in the framework of Vatican II.

Laura Weber



Please list any past theological or leadership training that would enhance your service to this community:

I have a Masters Degree in Social Work with experience in mental health, long-term care, and Hospice. As a catechist and a catechetical leader, I attended numerous workshops, conferences and trainings on a wide variety of topics, including theology, volunteer formation, sacramental preparation, and leadership skills.

Please list any current or previous ministry experience at Saint Katharine Drexel or other parishes:

Since 1993, I have worked in Church leadership in three different parishes and a diocesan office. In these positions I gained experience in children's formation, adult formation, RCIA, aging concerns, and respect life issues. I have been an active volunteer throughout my life as a catechist, extraordinary ministry of holy communion and lector.

Please describe your relationship to God and the Church:

I have been blessed to work for the Catholic Church for 18 years, and then to return to my original career as a social worker, currently as a hospice social worker. In both arenas, I have had daily reminders of the active role that God takes in the lives of those I serve. These reminders allow me to reflect on God's roles in my life and the many blessings that I have been given. I have a deep affection for the Catholic Church, and I want to see it thrive and be relevant in today's world as a leader in the work of social justice.

Please mention anything about your personal life, work experience, or interests that would enrich your service on the Pastoral Council:

I have had many life-altering experiences in my personal and professional life. I am interested in the well-being of the total person: spiritual well-being, emotional well-being, and physical well-being. I want to help others to see the eyes of Christ in all they meet.

How do you think Saint Katharine Drexel Parish could carry out our mission statement and serve its members and the world?

Our parish mission statement is simple and rich with meaning. It is critical that we form loving disciples who live their faith in the community, showing Christ's love and compassion to those in need; disciples who are committed to living selflessly, especially when it is not easy and convenient. We need to be a Catholic community that shows how vibrant and alive we are in our faith commitment as we reach out to people of different faiths, backgrounds, ethnicity and needs. I am grateful to be part of a parish community that takes its mission so seriously.

Leo Zanchettin



Please list any past theological or leadership training that would enhance your service to this community.

- Editorial Director, *The Word Among Us* Catholic magazine
- M.A. in Theology
- Member, Catholic Biblical Association, Association of Catholic Publishers
- Former Catholic school teacher, middle and high school

Please list any current or previous ministry experience at St. Katharine Drexel or other parishes.

Current:

- Catechist for middle school and for Rite of Christian Initiation for Teens
- Lector • FIRE group teacher

Previous, at SKD:

- Small group leader in ALPHA
- Bible study leader

Previous, in Other Parishes:

- Catechist formation and adult faith formation teacher
- Children's liturgy leader
- Spiritual director for Christ Renews His Parish
- Leader for a men's faith-sharing group
- Parish missionary

Please describe your relationship to God and the Church.

I think the two feed into each other for me, since it's through the Church that I experience God the most clearly and the most personally. Mass, Confession, teaching TGIF or FIRE, sharing my faith with fellow parishioners, praying the Liturgy of the Hours—these are all ways that I feel God's presence, receive his guidance, and give back to the Lord for all the good he has done for me. There's also my family, who never fail to show me God's love and mercy—and who offer me the greatest opportunities to grow in my faith.

Please mention anything about your personal life, work experience, or interests that would enrich your service on the Pastoral Council.

- I have been actively involved in five different parishes, both large and small, both affluent and struggling, both united and suffering divisions. So I've had to learn how to function within a number of different group dynamics.
- Managing the editorial team for *The Word Among Us* gives me a lot of experience in collaborating with peers. The fact that we try to function as a faith-filled organization has taught me much about working with a diverse group of people to serve God and the Church.
- I have six children, so I have some experience in how to herd kittens—and, more important, how *not* to herd kittens.
- Having autism and mental illness in our family has opened my eyes to the ways that people with personal challenges can be marginalized. It has taught me compassion in ways I would probably have never known. As a special-needs dad, I'm learning every day how to see Christ in unexpected ways, both in my kids and in the challenges we face as a family.

How do you think St. Katharine Drexel parish could carry out our mission statement and serve its members and the world?

I think we're already doing this in a meaningful way. It's a major reason why I love this parish. Our liturgies are prayerful. Our community is welcoming. Our outreach is growing. Of course, there's always more we could do, especially in terms of becoming missionary disciples as Archbishop Lori has called us to be. More specifically, I would love to see us find ways to involve young families in parish life more fully and ways that we could work together to reach out to the surrounding community. We have many diverse ministries, and these are all very good. But wouldn't it be great if our entire parish community could become more intentional in inviting people to "come and see"?