

Dear Padre

What does a parish council do?

Q I've been an active member of our parish council for ten years. Our diocesan guidelines say that parish councils are advisory groups for the pastor, but they don't say he has to take our advice. He isn't addressing people's needs, and my parish is losing members. My friends on other parish councils have the same problem. What can we do?

Isabelle

Dear Isabelle,

You certainly understand the nature of parish pastoral councils: "A pastoral council possesses a consultative vote only and is governed by the norms established by the diocesan bishop" (*Code of Canon Law*, 536.2).

The question is, what constitutes consultation? Canon 536.1 says the pastor presides over the pastoral council, in which the "Christian faithful, together with those who share in pastoral care by virtue of their office in the parish, assist in fostering pastoral activity." Consultation, then, is "assist[ing] in fostering pastoral activity" in the parish.

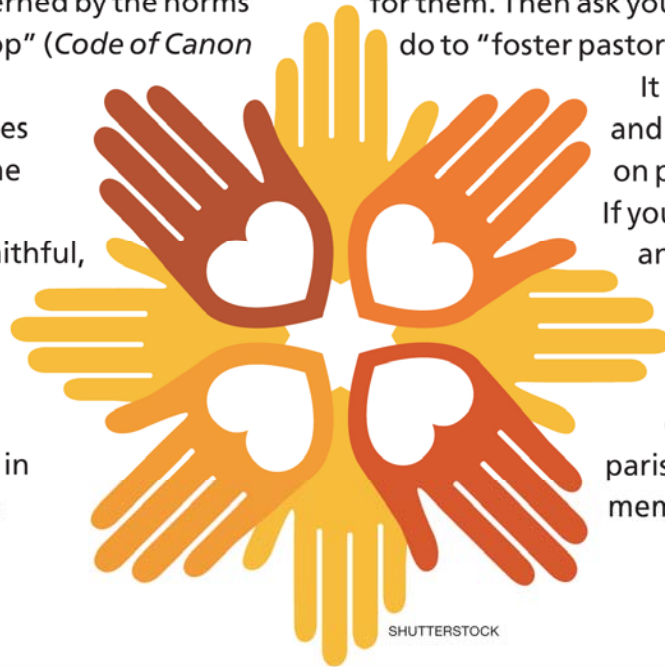
The *Code* is clear: The diocesan

bishop establishes norms regarding pastoral councils, so if you don't have a copy of the norms, ask the chancery for them. Then ask your pastor what the council can do to "foster pastoral activity" in your parish.

It might be helpful if your council and your pastor attend a workshop on pastoral councils together. If your diocese doesn't offer this and other resources to help parishes, ask the chancery to recommend one that does.

I applaud your commitment to making your parish more responsive to its members.

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
February 6 <i>Saint Paul Miki and companions, martyrs</i>	February 7 <i>Weekday</i>	February 8 <i>Weekday</i>	February 9 <i>Weekday</i>	February 10 <i>Saint Scholastica, Virgin</i>	February 11 <i>Weekday</i>	February 12 <i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13 Mk 6:53-56	1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30 Mk 7:1-13	1 Kgs 10:1-10 Mk 7:14-23	1 Kgs 11:4-13 Mk 7:24-30	1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19 Mk 7:31-37	1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34 Mk 8:1-10	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46 1 Cor 10:31-11:1 Mk 1:40-45

AT THE REDEMPTORIST
RENEWAL CENTER



"The desert will lead you to your heart where I will speak."

Hosea 2:16

OUR LADY OF THE DESERT CONVENTUAL CHURCH

FEBRUARY 5, 2012 ~
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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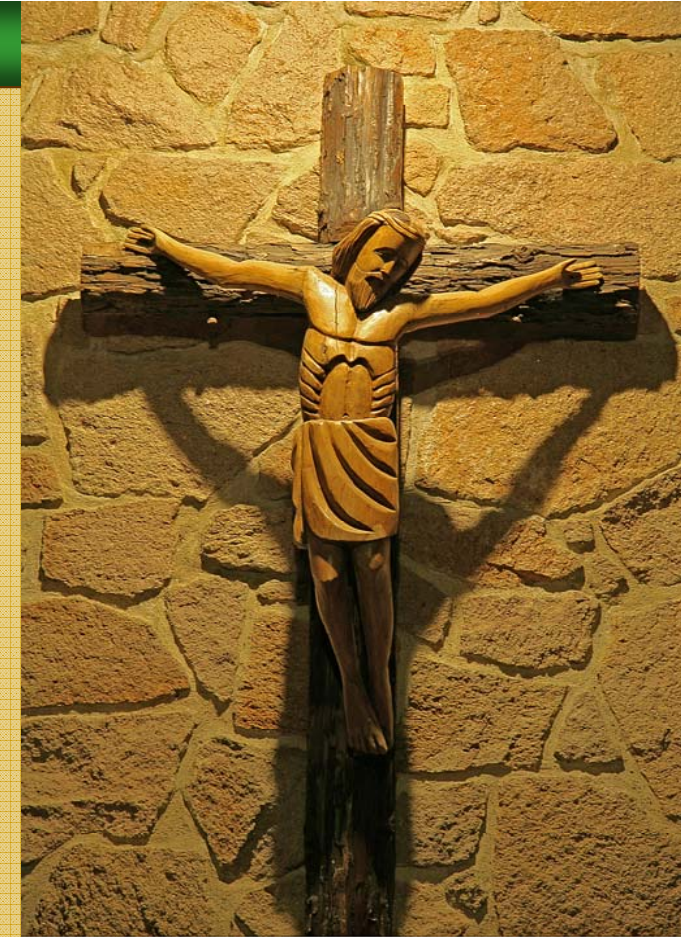
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Welcome:

The Redemptorist Community and Pastoral Staff extends a warm welcome to all at the Church of Our Lady of the Desert. Although the church's worship and liturgical service are primarily for retreat participants at the Redemptorist Renewal Center, we welcome a core worshipping community at Sunday Eucharist. Many of our members are volunteers and strong supporters of the Center.

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to be a place where the contemplative spirit of the human person may be discovered, fed and nourished. It is a place, an oasis in the Sonoran Desert, where individuals encounter God and "feel the burn" of the Holy Spirit.

Celebration of the Sacraments:

Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday

6:45 AM—Silent Contemplative Prayer

7:15 AM—Morning Prayer

7:30 AM—Eucharist

Saturday

7:30 AM—Eucharist with devotional

prayers of Our Mother of Perpetual Help

4:00 PM—Vigil Mass (Jan 7 - April 1)

5:00 PM—Vigil Mass (April 14 -

Sunday

7:30 AM—Eucharist

10:00 AM—Eucharist

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PAUL'S PONDERINGS ~ FR. PAUL COURY, CSSR



During the seminary we always referred to February as "The Tunnel Month". This is because our seminary was in Wisconsin which in February is freezing cold. All you could do was "Tunnel in" and survive until spring (which usually was in July sometime). There are times, like Job in the first reading, when we see life as a burden, as drudgery. We just focus on getting through the day. We stop seeing the beauty around us, the many blessings we have, or the promises yet to come.

Of course, we live in Tucson, and February here is beautiful. No "Tunnels" needed! So we can focus our thoughts on the Psalm today where David praises God for being good and gracious. Then, Jesus in the Gospel who is the new David, brings the actual goodness of God to those who need love and healing! Today, Let our praises overpower our complaints and open our hearts to the healing presence of Jesus who brings us beauty and promises yet to come!

Anointing After Masses

After all the Masses this weekend we will offer you the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of the Sick. Just remain in your seats until the congregation departs; the priest will begin the Anointing Service.

Knights of Columbus

On the weekend of February 11th and 12th, a member of the Knights of Columbus will give a brief presentation at all the Masses about the Knights. Members will also be available after each Mass to tell you about the many charitable works and activities you can be a part of as a Knight, describe the benefits you and your family can enjoy as a member, and address any questions or concerns you may have. Welcome Knights of Columbus!

Loves Does No Harm

Fr. Charlie Wehrley C.Ss.R is leading a retreat February 10-12 for living the spirituality of love of God, love of your neighbor, and love of yourself.

This is a perfect way to begin the Valentine's week! Go to the main office for more information and to sign up! Fr. Charlie awaits you!

Valentines Concert February 12

Next Sunday afternoon (February 12) is our Valentine's Day Concert and Dinner. The "Love" Concert will be Sunday afternoon at 4:30pm, followed by a "heart-warming" dinner. The dinner will begin around 6:00pm. The concert is free but you need to make reservations at the front desk for the dinner. The cost for the dinner is \$20.00. There are some tickets still available but they are selling like "heart cakes"!

Lenten Discussion Group

It's hard to believe Ash Wednesday is less than three weeks away. Why not make the study of Saint Mark's Gospel part of your Lenten Practice. This earliest of the four Gospels will help you understand your own Christian vocation as disciple of Jesus and what it means to follow a Messiah whose love brings suffering and whose suffering brings redemptions. Fr. Greg Wiest C.Ss.R is offering a five week course on the Gospel of St. Mark during the Thursdays of Lent beginning Feb 23rd. Classes will be from 4 pm to 5.30 pm. Each class will consist of two, 20 minute DVD lectures by different scholars and discussion. If you cannot make all five sessions don't let that discourage you. Attend those you can. Enrollment cost is \$10. Sign up at

the front desk.

Ash Wed. Retreat and Masses

Yes, Lent is slowly creeping up on us! We will have a retreat morning on Ash Wednesday to help you begin your Lent well. The retreat will go from 9:00am to noon. Fr. Greg May C.Ss.R will lead the retreat morning. Please sign up at the front desk. The cost of the retreat is 10.00 dollars and there is an extra 10.00 dollars, if you plan to stay for lunch.

Also on Ash Wednesday we will have three Masses with distribution of ashes at each Mass. The times are 7:30 am, 11:15 am, and 7:00 pm. If you wish, you can receive ashes all three times!

This Week

We have many retreat groups on the property this week. Maybe you are with one of them? There is the Zen Meditation Retreat, the Desert Conference for the United Methodist Church, the Yoga College, and the Bethany Fellowship. The Newly Ordained Priests from the Diocese of Tucson will also be here for retreat and there is a day of prayer for all the priests of the diocese on Thursday. The Bishop himself will be here for Mass with his priests on Thursday. We also have as guests, The Association of Graduate Programs in Ministry and the National Association of College Chaplains. It will certainly be a busy week. Please extend your love to our guests and help them feel welcome!

Schedule of Services & Events

Date	Event	Celebrant	Mass Intention
Saturday - February 4	4:00 Mass	Fr. Greg Wiest	Tony Garcia (d)
Sunday - February 5	7:30 Mass	Fr. Greg Wiest	Ann Cerbone (d)
	10:00 Mass	Fr. Greg Wiest	Henry, George & Dagmar Komarek (d)
Monday - February 6	7:30 Mass	Fr. Greg May	Maggie Homza (d)
Tuesday - February 7	7:30 Mass	Fr. Charlie Wehrley	Lee Driscoll (d)
Wednesday - February 8	7:30 Mass	Fr. Greg Wiest	Bruno Sroka (d)
Thursday - February 9	7:30 Mass	Fr. Charlie Wehrley	Helen Frizpatrick (d)
Friday - February 10	7:30 Mass	Fr. Paul Coury	Deceased Redemptorists
Saturday - February 11	7:30 Mass	Fr. Greg May	Patricia Goodan (d)
	4:00 pm	Fr. Paul Coury	Frances Buckley (d)

PASTORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Communal Celebration of Reconciliation and the Anointing of the Sick services are regularly scheduled. Please check the Sunday Bulletin or our website for dates and times.

Home Visitation/Communion
Please call the office to make the desired arrangements.

Funeral Liturgies & Memorial Services
are available to registered members of the conventual community. Please contact the Rector of the church.

Contemplative Rosary ~ Praying the Rosary with Scripture and Song
Our choir presents Bob Hurd's Contemplative Rosary four times a year; giving us a very special and beautiful way to pray the rosary.



This week's flowers were donated by Anonymous
in Honor of Fr. Pat Hawk

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REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

The Sick:
Gus Aguilar
Margaret Batchelder
Lee-Ellen Cash
Clay Granacki
Ed Kenyon
Ashleigh Macintosh
Rina Nochez
Victoria Rangel
Gail Schultze
Pat Svoboda

The Recently Departed:
William Barrett
Tony Garcia

SUNDAY COLLECTION
January 28-29, 2012
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Presiders for Feb. 11-12, 2012
Saturday 4:00 PM ~ Rev. Paul Coury
Sunday 7:30 AM ~ Rev. Paul Coury
Sunday 10:00 AM ~ Rev. Paul Coury

TO REQUEST ADDITIONAL OFFERING ENVELOPES PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.

Prayer Group
Both prayer groups are now meeting. If you need an "hour of power", please stop in!
The Tuesday Evening Prayer Group meets at 7:00pm.
The Thursday Morning Prayer Group meets at 9:00am.
Both Groups meet in the Office Conference Room.

In 2007, Bishop Gerald F. Kicanas of Tucson signed a decree that established the Chapel of the Redemptorist Renewal Center as the "Conventual Church of Our Lady of the Desert". The term 'conventual' church refers to a church that belongs to a convent of a religious community, in this case the Redemptorists. However, the religious community continues its cooperative partnership with the mission of the Tucson diocese. According to canon law we are not a parish and do not offer the ministry and services typical of a parish church. However, we do celebrate the Sacraments of the Eucharist, Reconciliation and the Anointing of the Sick at scheduled times. In addition, registered members of the church may celebrate with our worshipping community the funeral liturgies of the Church at the time of their journey to everlasting life. For more information about registration please complete the form in the back of the church or visit the office.