

## Find out more

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### Parish Website

<https://stjosephaustintown.org/calling/>

### C3 Website

<https://vibrantfaith.org/c3initiative-2/>

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## Saint Joseph Parish

## God is calling you!

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God calls us every day to love  
and serve others.





## Called by God

**Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him...”Where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come, and you will see.”** (John 1:38-39)

Calling is a central part of the Christian life:

*who we are called to be*—the core of our identity, as

created by God and baptized in Christ, and sent forth

to serve by the power of the Holy Spirit;

*how we are called to live*—our commitments of lifestyle and relationships, including marriage, parenting, or the single life;

*what we are called to do*—the work, service and activities that fill our daily lives, including paid or professional work, volunteering, homemaking, raising children or caregiving.

God calls us every day:

- In Multiple Ways
- To Be Followers of Christ
- From People, Places or Situations
- For Service and Work
- Through Each Other
- In Suffering
- By the God Within
- As We Are

## We believe ...

*Creating a Culture of Calling Initiative* is guided by a vision that is grounded in biblical and theological understandings that place calling—and the necessity of nurturing callings—at the center of the Christian life and congregational culture.

- We believe our callings in life are a dynamic response to who we are, how we live, and what we give our lives to. (Kathleen Cahalan, *Calling All Years Good*)
- We believe every human being has a calling, whether they acknowledge it or not.
- We believe God in Christ is calling us into relationship, a life of discipleship, and that our response to God’s calling is a life expressed through our life of faith.
- We believe callings are discerned through relationships—God calls us through each other and our calling is for each other. We believe that the discernment of callings throughout life is a practice of the faith community.
- We believe all callings are guided by love—loving God with all our mind, heart, soul, and strength, and our neighbor as ourselves.
- We believe callings are lifelong. They evolve over time. They are multiple and changing over a lifetime. They are dependent on the capacities of the body as we grow and age.



- We believe that our response to callings throughout life is our participation in God’s activity in the world today, and that God sustains creation through the living out of our calling.
- We believe our callings are animated by God’s spirit active in our lives through a diversity of gifts and charisms, through what we love and are passionate about. We believe God creates, sanctifies, and revels in our differences and that our differences are assets.
- We believe our callings are for all life—family, church, community, world; and not only what we do in our work life.
- We believe the call to church ministry is one type of calling; and that this calling is to nurture all callings and lead the community of disciples to live their vocation in the world.
- We believe people discover their calling and experience their calling in diverse ways based on their life situation and context; and that factors such as poverty, violence, and discrimination have an impact.
- We believe people experiences times of struggle, darkness, and brokenness in living our calling and being faithful to it. We believe God brings life out of struggle, darkness, and brokenness; and that the faith community has a special role to support and encourage people during these times.
- We believe living a calling is transformational for the person and for the world.



