



## Diocesan Synod Parish Delegates Prepare For Dec. 2015 Event



**SYNOD DELEGATES**—Pictured above with St. Patrick Catholic Church’s pastor Father Tony Quijano, Jr., are the parish’s delegates to the 2015 Diocesan Synod to be held in early December in Reno: From left to right, Danette Laca, Joanne Berg, David Cornell, Patty Fleming, Linda Mertens and Tom Fleming.

The individuals whom St. Patrick Church parishioners recently selected to attend the Diocesan Synod 2015 in Reno are already preparing for the event to be held Dec. 3-5.

Danette Laca, Joanne Berg, David Cornell, Linda Mertens, and Patty and Tom Fleming have been meeting regularly to review the purpose and goals of Synod 2015 and their roles as representatives of the parish.

Last year Bishop Randolph Calvo announced his decision to convoke the 2nd synod of the Diocese of Reno whose theme is *Together—Wherever the Spirit Leads*. The Synod Preparatory Commission has been hard at work for the last 10 months as members met with Bishop Calvo, received catechesis on making decisions by discernment, and spent much time in prayer. Commission members also have been visiting parishes within the diocese to conduct listening sessions. St. Patrick’s listening session was held in the fall. The Synod and the sessions leading up to it are expected to be “a wonderful and exciting Spirit-led process that will give the diocese a clearer direction of priorities,” according to the Diocese of Reno website.

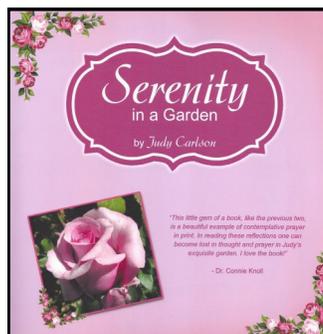
Individuals still can give input at [www.RenoSynod2015.org](http://www.RenoSynod2015.org) and clicking on “Questions” or by contacting one of St. Patrick’s elected delegates. Hard copies of the three questions being asked are located in the back of the church.

## New Parish Council Members Elected

Nominations and elections to fill parish council positions that would soon be vacated by members whose terms were expiring were recently held. The new members are Joanne Berg, Callie Black, Ben Leynes and Linda Tews. Ana Cornejo was appointed to the parish council as a representative of the Hispanic community. Returning to this year’s parish council to complete their two-year terms are Patty Fleming, Paul Loop and Cheryl Venturacci. Many thanks ♥ to the outgoing parish council members—Marvin Landaverde, Pete Larson, Marty Maffi and Julie Richards—for their dedicated service to St. Pat’s and its parishioners!

## Judy Carlson’s Third Book On Sale

Judy Carlson’s book *Serenity in a Garden* is now available for \$20 with proceeds from sales going toward St. Patrick’s building fund. This is the third in a 4-part series by the St. Pat’s parishioner. The 1st was *Reflections from a Garden* and the 2nd *Life Lessons from a Garden*. The 3-book set sells for \$40. The 4th in the series is currently in process of publication. Contact the parish office, 423-2846, to make a purchase. The number of copies are limited.



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**Report: Diocesan Conference**

A few parishioners who attended the Jan. 9-10 Diocesan Conference offered reflections on their experiences.

The highlight for Danette Laca was being able to gather together with a community of Spirit-led individuals with each exploring his or her own relationship with God. "I enjoyed it so much," she said. "It revitalized my spirit and helped me to grow and deepen my faith in God."

Robert and Connie Knoll particularly enjoyed an interactive presentation by Brother Loughlan Sofield on *Discerning Your Gifts*. "He introduced us to techniques for discovering our own individual gifts and those of others in our parish," Robert stated, "and how to share them and reflect on the ways in which we are called to use them—both within the parish and the community outside the church."

For Joanne Berg each of the conference's presenters shared and evangelized the word and work of Jesus Christ and was "enlightening and motivational." In particular Monique Jacobs talked about *Subtraction Spirituality* in which we must be willing to give up our comfort zone of where we are in our relationship with God



**K of C BREAKFAST**—The Knights of Columbus at St. Patrick Church cooked and served breakfast after the 8 a.m. Mass on Sun., Feb. 8. It was the group's first breakfast held in the new parish hall.

in order to allow Christ to enter into our lives more fully.

While all the speakers and workers were excellent, according to Linda Mertens, the Saturday night Mass was a highlight for her. "It was so Spirit-filled—emotional, moving, and beautiful," she said. She also was grateful for learning new tools and receiving ideas to share with the parish's Wed. prayer group and others and also to incorporate into her own life.

The Diocesan Conference is held annually. This year it took place at The Nugget in Sparks.

**Lent Schedule**

Feb. 18—Wed.—Ash Wednesday—Services at 10 a.m. & 6 p.m. (English) and 7:15 p.m. (Spanish)

Feb. 20 & 27, March 6, 13, 20 & 27—Fridays—Stations of the Cross at 5 p.m.—Followed by soup suppers provided by parish ministries

March 25—Wed.—Penance Service—6:30 p.m.

April 2—Holy Thursday—Mass of the Lord's Supper—6:30 p.m.—Followed by procession of Blessed Sacrament to Altar of Repose—Church remains open for private prayer and confessions until 9 p.m.

April 3—Good Friday—Outdoor Stations of the Cross—2:30 p.m. and again at 6:30 p.m. (weather permitting)—Good Friday Service at 3 p.m.

April 4—Sat.—Easter Vigil—8 p.m.

April 5—Sun.—Easter—Masses at regular times of 8 a.m., 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.

**What's Coming Up . . .**

- Feb. 14-15—Sat.-Sun. after Masses—Rose Room—Ladies Guild Bake Sale
- Feb. 21—Sat.—9 a.m.—Rose Room—Mandatory training for NEW and current altar servers—Contact Paul Loop, 867-2379—Special thank you ♥ to Danette Laca for making telephone calls to parents of eligible students
- Feb. 24—Tues.—6 p.m.—Parish Hall—Parish Council
- Feb. 28—Sat.—9 a.m.-2 p.m.—Knights of Columbus blood drive
- March 6-7—Diocesan Youth Rally—Bishop Manogue High School—\$45—For high school students grades 9-12—Register by Feb. 15—Contact Paul Loop, 867-2379
- July 27-Aug. 2—Catholic Heart Work Camp—Five slots available to St. Pat's youth—Register with Paul Loop, 867-2379
- September 2015—World Meeting of Families—Philadelphia—Theme: *Love Is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive*—Highlight: Pope Francis visit