

Aloysius Gomez

Aloysius was brought up in a staunchly Catholic family but along the way there were challenges to his faith. Fortunately, Aloysius then met a wonderful priest who took him on a journey that brought him back into the church.

Aloysius is a migrant to Australia, having lived in Singapore until moving here for work just over 20 years ago. Aloysius had worked for multi-national companies for many years and his final stint was for an international consulting company in a lead role focussing and providing services on leadership issues, which included a considerable amount of time, coaching budding CEO's and highflyers in the public sector in the Asia Pacific Region.

Aloysius recognised that it was only through the grace of God that he was able to get to this state, having the capabilities and talents to guide others to be successful. So, when it was announced that a new Parish Pastoral Council was going to be set up, he decided that it was time for him to put his hand up. Aloysius retired a few years ago but still felt he had much to offer. In the words of St. Peter: *"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others"*. So, as he pondered the 'ifs and buts' about joining the PPC, the most relevant question seemed to be: if not now, then when?

And so here he is simply put - *"I want to serve. But I do have some hopes."*

Aloysius hopes that this Council will play a crucial role in assisting to foster inclusiveness in an already vibrant church community, especially in addressing the spiritual needs of the community. He hopes for people-to-people bonding within and between the churches which would be a big step towards literally creating a 'broad' church. Aloysius also hopes that in terms of outreach, this Council will assist in dreaming big - reaching out bigger and further – there are many in desperate need and we can help. In the words of St. Paul: *"Help carry one another's burdens, and in this way, you will obey the law of Christ."*

Finally, can I ask you to pray for us – please pray for the new Council members to be always guided by the Holy Spirit in their deliberations.