

# MEET THE PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS



**B**rent E Brown is a lifelong Catholic. He and his wife Frances have been active members of Holy Cross Catholic Church for 11 years .He has served Holy Cross as Chair of the Men's Ministry and is an active member of the Usher Ministry. He a member of the Board of the Office of Black Catholics for the Diocese of Austin and is also a member of the Central Texas Fellowship of Catholic Men Advisory Board for the Diocese of Austin. He is Third Degree Knight and member of the Knights of Peter Claver Council 284. He is retired from both the US Army and Motorola Inc. He is an active volunteer for The American Cancer Society. Brent is the new Pastoral Council chair.



**D**on Cooper has been a member of Holy Cross for fourteen years. He has been married for twenty-six years and has two adult sons, both currently college students. He has always participated in church ministries. He looks forward to serve God and the parishioners of Holy Cross on the Pastoral Council to the best of his ability. Ministries served: KPC # 284, Jr. Knight Commander, head usher, lector and previous pastoral council for three years.



**L**ester Johnson began instructions into the Catholic faith as a student at Tuskegee Institute in Alabama in 1952. He continued at St. Peter Claver Catholic School in Tampa, Florida and completed instructions at Holy Cross Church in 1957. He was baptized into the Catholic faith along with his first born on March 16, 1957 by Rev. A Dayberry who was the pastor at the time, and has been a practicing Catholic ever since. He was Vice President of the first "Pastoral Council" at Holy Cross. He is a charter member of the Knights of Peter Claver, a member of Care Team and coordinator of the Holy Cross Extraordinary Ministers, past choir member and past member of the maintenance team.



**B**renda Jones has been a member of Holy Cross Parish since 2001. She is a Catechist, co-chair of the Fundraising Committee and is a member of the Knight of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary #284. She is married to Don Jones and has two children, Travis and Brittney.



**J**oseph M. Okpegbue has been a member of Holy Cross Catholic Church for 27years. He became a member of Holy Cross Church in 1983. On April 27th, 1991 Joseph and Cecilia were married at Holy Cross Church and were blessed with 4 children. Their children also participate in various activities in the church. Mr. Okpegbue was also involved in the "Our Faith ~ Our Legacy" which raised funds benefiting our church and Diocese of Central Texas.



**L**afortune Tchagou came into the United States in 1995 from Cameroon, Africa. She has been a member of Holy Cross Catholic Church for 10 years. She is currently a member of St. Augustine Society. She is a mother of one son.



**S**anton J. M. Collins has been a member of Holy Cross Catholic Church since 1990. Stan has served as Usher and as Lector. He is looking forward to serving the Holy Cross family as a member of the Pastoral Council utilizing skills he has developed in his business career. He is married to Carla M. Collins. He and she are the very proud parents of three sons, Stanton Jr., Aaron, and Raphael.



**A**lberta Phillips is an associate editor with the Austin American-Statesman. Her duties include writing daily editorials and frequent columns. She joined the American-Statesman in 1986, but has been a member of the editorial board since July 2000. She writes on a variety of topics, but specializes in politics, education, juvenile justice, public school financing and education, religion, health, racial issues, social justice and Texas politics. Phillips also writes a regular column. Her columns reflect many of the issues people grapple with on a regular basis; race relations, parental responsibility; community values; and culture. She has twice been nominated for a Pulitzer Prize and has won many prestigious journalism awards over her career. Phillips is a former member of Austin's Catholic Charities board and now serves on the advisory board for the Salvation Army. She is married to Austin attorney Gary L. Bledsoe and is the mother of two sons, William and Mehcad Brooks.