

***From the Pastor's Desk***  
***August 29, 2010***

*When we come together for Mass each week, we are challenged to “actively participate” in the Mass. Active participation includes the external gestures (sign of the cross, beating of the breast), postures (standing, sitting, kneeling) and verbally participating in the prayer responses and the singing. Active participation is most importantly also internal. Internally, we try to ponder what is being prayed at a particular moment, reflect on the readings and listen attentively to the homily. In some ways, it is easier to actively participate in the external ways than it is in the internal ways. However, both are most important and go hand in hand. We pray best as a community when we are actively participating both in the external and internal ways.*

*Speaking of active participation, I would like to officially welcome our new Choir Director: Anna Van Vleet. Anna has been singing in the choir for over a year, though she took some time to work in South Korea last academic year. Our former Choir Director, Melanie Dreifort finished up in June when she married and moved away from Chico. Anna will be marrying soon as well. But thank goodness, she will be sticking around Chico for the time being as she will be marrying our Music Director, Jeff Cooper. He and Anna will be married on September 18th. Let us keep them in our prayers as they make final preparations for their wedding day!*

*In Christ Jesus, Father Blaise Berg*