

National Asian & Pacific Island Young Adult Advisory Team



Dallas Carter

Aloha mai e nā hoa! My name is Dallas Carter, I am kanaka maoli (native Hawaiian), and I am a member of the API advisory team. I am a husband, father of 6, business owner, and a diocesan catechist for the Diocese of Honolulu. I have my degree in Theology from Franciscan University in Steubenville and my Master's from Chaminade University. I also teach theology at a small Catholic school on the North Shore of Oahu called St Michael School, and I am on the board of directors for **E.P.I.C ministry** (a lay association of young adult faithful in the diocese).

I truly believe that there is great **‘ike** (knowledge) from the **mo’olelo and no’eau** (stories and wisdom) of the Hawaiian culture that can add insight to the eternal Truth of our Lord and His Church. I hope to share those insights with the API advisory team in order to bring young adults closer to the foot of the Cross and also to encourage other young adults to seek out the great traditions of their own culture which reflect the Analogy of Faith and can aide young adults on their journey with Christ.



Pol Dalisay

Mabuhay!

I am Apolinar Dalisay Jr., an immigrant from the Philippines. I am married to Elaine and have two sons, Nathaniel and Isaiah. I obtained a degree of BS Commerce Major in Economics from University of Santo Tomas, Manila, Philippines. I am currently a Financial Reporting Associate at MedStar Health and a licensed life insurance agent in Maryland.

Outside family and work, I and my family are engaged and involved in community and church organizations. I am the Youth Representative of the Filipino Council for the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

My family are all members of Couples for Christ. Elaine, Nathaniel and Isaiah help out with the formation and nurturing of Kids for Christ, a sub-group under the Couples for Christ umbrella. I founded the Filipino Class of Baltimore, an organization that teaches and promotes Filipino culture among Filipino-American children and families. I formed this catch phrase "Know your Culture, Know Yourself" for my students to inculcate the love for the Filipino culture wherever they are.



Jocelyn George

Praise be to Jesus Christ, now and forever!

My name is Jocelyn George and I am part of the St. Thomas SyroMalabar Diocese of Chicago. After receiving my B.A. in Theology from the University of Dallas, I decided to pursue a vocation in teaching as a second grade teacher in a Catholic school. I am currently working as an Office of Advancement Assistant at my alma mater and serving as a member of the National Asian and Pacific Island (API) Young Adult Volunteer Advisory

Team. Within my diocese, I have served as a music ministry member and retreat organizer/resource for parishes and missions around the U.S.

As I previously mentioned, I am part of the St. Thomas SyroMalabar Diocese of Chicago which makes me a SyroMalabar Catholic by rite. Our history and tradition dates back to the time of the apostles, specifically St. Thomas, who brought about the establishment of Christianity to the Malabar Coast of India. The way of St. Thomas spread out from India to various other parts of the world, as centuries passed, including the United States. The official inauguration of the establishment of the St. Thomas SyroMalabar Catholic Diocese of Chicago (for the U.S.) took place on July 1, 2001. Today, the SyroMalabar rite stands as the second largest Eastern church that is in full Catholic communion.

As part of my mission as a SyroMalabar Catholic, I hope and strive to serve the Church in any way that I am called to, particularly as a member of the National API YA team. I ask that you keep the team and its mission in your prayers so that we may serve our communities/dioceses in a way that is particular to each of our respective callings.



Clara Pyo

My name is Clara Pyo (pictured with her husband and daughter), and I am a Korean American based in New York's Brooklyn Diocese attending the parish of St. Paul Chong Ha Sang In Flushing, Queens. Currently, I serve as a leader for Durae, a Catholic service group for youth. Durae serves six Korean parishes in the NY area, hosting monthly prayer meetings and an annual Life in the Spirit seminar called Youth Encountering Spirit (Y.E.S.) retreat. Durae's goal is to share our faith with the future generation of our Church and create an environment for our youth to encounter Christ and say Yes to His calling.

I also serve a group called Cornerstone at my parish, which is a young adult English ministry that meets monthly to discuss the Gospel and create a community for English speaking young adults in a predominately Korean speaking parish. As a married couple that recently welcomed a baby girl into our lives, my husband and I serve both Durae and Cornerstone together in hopes of planting a seed with the youth in their journey with God. As part of the Asian Pacific Islander Young Adult Advisory Team, I am excited to spread the message of *Encountering Christ in Harmony: A Pastoral Response to Our Asian Brothers and Sisters*.