



Connie Cruz was born in California in 1974 to parents who immigrated from Mexico. She called Southern California home until 1999 when she moved to Georgia and joined Corpus Christi the following year. Connie began to serve at Corpus Christi in 2003 and since then has ministered to the parish in a variety of positions; as a lector, a Eucharistic Minister, and a catechist, where she was able to share her love of our faith with little ones. Connie's own faith was tested when she was diagnosed with breast cancer, in the midst of suffering through her father's oral cancer treatment and parenthood, which for her, now included a 1-year old toddler. With God's strength and her

family at her side, she soldiered through her treatments until her cancer went into remission in July 2015.

Going through all these tribulations made Connie look at life from a whole different perspective. It increased her appreciation for life, family, and especially her well-being. Connie decided not to be sad and depressed, rather, she focused her energy into serving her community. Connie has been a member of the Pastoral Council since 2016 and is also a member of Grupo Timoñ, which is the steering committee for the Hispanic Ministries. She also serves as the coordinator for the Hispanic Altar Servers.

Connie has been married to her beloved Luis Cruz for almost 18 years and their union has produced 4 beautiful children.



Precious Orji has been heavily involved in various ministries since primary school, and continues to be involved as a Youth Leader demonstrating dependability, faithfulness, and willingness to serve with her time, talent and treasure.

Since 2nd grade, Precious has been active within the International Children's Choir, and currently serves as a Youth Choir Leader and Youth Cantor assisting with song selection, practicing with younger children, and supporting the involvement of the choir in other activities.

Since the 5th grade, Precious has embodied the call to spread the Good News as a Teen Aide in Religious Education. She has excelled in learning

how to teach others about Christ and our faith to the point that she is now coteaching this year's First Communion class. She is currently one of our most sought out Youth Leaders, who aids the Youth Council members in planning and implementing various activities to build the young church and is seen as a youth leader among her peers, encouraging them to be more involved in church. In fact, Precious is our first Youth Extraordinary Minister!

Precious continues to make her faith journey a priority by being involved in Life Teen and attending various Catholic youth retreats and conferences and encouraging others to do as well.