

**OLPH Parish Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes
August 16, 2021, 7:30 PM, Flavin Room**

PPC members present:

Fr. Jerry Boland	X	Mark Cullum	X	John Nicolau	X	Gretchen Zagzebski	X
Fr. Larry Basbas / Fr. Patrick Kizza		Steve Schmidt	X	Mike Wycklendt	X	John Simons	
Susan Logan	X	Lisa Salemi		Tom Monticello	X	Patti Lawler	X
Tom O'Brien	X	Mark Ruchniewicz	X	Bridget Baumstark	X	Sara Carsten	X

PPC Mission: OLPH is a family of believers in Christ who strive to live according to his teachings. We take as our mission in the world the living out of the Gospel of Jesus.

Opening Prayer offered by Mark Cullum

Approval of Minutes

The July meeting minutes were approved.

Update from the Pastor

The dedication of the statue of Mary, the Blessed Mother, in the Hellerman garden took place on Sunday, August 15, coinciding with the Feast of the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary. It was a beautiful day, with a sea of people in attendance. There was a May crowning in the midst of it, which was amazing. It is a tremendous generational gift to the parish.

OLPH School

The opening up of the OLPH school for the fall is taking place. All the proper diocesan, state and local protocols are being followed. Masks are required in the buildings, although other requirements are somewhat more open than last year. Upper grades will rotate for classes, athletics will take place, and other activities can occur without cohorts. There are 18 new teachers this year, and they are very impressive. Compensation needs for Catholic school teachers is a topic to address and a diocesan wide approach may be most appropriate, which will be raised at that level.

Religious Education will be open in September, in multiple forms, both in person and online. A “family-based” program will be available as an option, and the program curricula will incorporate greater use of digital content. Many people who have moved to Glenview are likely not yet aware of the programs that are available, and reaching out to them is a priority.

Renew My Church

The team involved in the Renew My Church effort will be starting to meet again in a week and a half. There will be a retreat that includes Cardinal Cupich. The team will make recommendations for review, with expected timing in October or November.

Reopening

As part of the Reopening process, it is important to create situations to include people, in many forms. We will continue livestream Masses in parallel with all of the in-person Masses. Liturgies are growing, although not yet at pre-pandemic levels. Meeting spaces are all open, and can be scheduled. We would like to invite people back who may have not been able to participate for whatever reason, and be sensitive to their comfort zones. We want to think of people who are not yet here. We will continue to monitor the status of the Delta variant, and take that into account in future plans.

Goal Setting

The PPC reviewed a number of ideas for annual goals, which were well aligned with the mission of the PPC and current situation. The list will be narrowed and confirmed at an upcoming meeting. Many of the ideas for further consideration could be characterized as one or more of the following areas:

- Encourage / Welcome parishioners back
- Enable transition to collective healing
- Support Renew My Church
- Address the spiritual impact of the pandemic

Ministry Re-engagement

In reaching out to the various ministries throughout the parish, it will be useful for PPC members to pass along the approach and sentiments of the reopening activity noted above. Encouraging others to participate, and enabling them to do so in ways that are flexible and adaptable is planned. Seeking to understand current status and any limitations or needs will also be valuable. The importance of personal engagement was discussed, as well as ideas around fireside chats, ministry spotlights, and other ways to highlight ministries in action.

Summit Planning

The OLPH Annual Summit is planned for November 6. Scheduling a half day program in the morning worked well, and that model is planned again. We will plan a hybrid format, and can leverage the updated McDonnell Hall technology. It is a good time for a state of the parish address. We have had very good keynote speakers in the past and will follow that approach. A subcommittee is being formed, which will help to first select the theme, and then the appropriate speakers. The initial discussions regarding themes include topics such as how people have managed throughout the pandemic, how we can deal with the isolation, what the experience

means spiritually, and moving from collective trauma to collective healing. Testimonials from parishioners that span generations could be very effective. A number of external speaker candidates were also discussed.

Closing Prayer offered by Mark Cullum