

OLPH Parish Pastoral Council
Meeting Agenda
August 20, 2018

PPC members present:

Fr. Jerry Boland	Y	Cathy Condon	Y	Mike Hood	Y	Cindy Moody	Y
Fr. Nick Kostyk		Tim Daniels	Y	Mara Lindsay	Y	Bob Pirsein	Y
Fr. Isaac Lara	Y	Laura Flentye	Y	Susan Logan	Y	Rob Orr	Y
		Maria Grable	Y	Tom Monticello	Y	Mark Ruchniewicz	Y
		Marti Guerrero		John Nicolau	Y	Lisa Salemi	Y

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 Bob Pirsein

Approval of Minutes PPC voted to approve the July minutes

Spiritual Fitness Ministry

Geof Lutz and Tim Thompson, ministry leaders for the Spiritual Fitness Ministry presented information on the newly formed ministry. Geof and Tim described the inspiration for and mission of the Spiritual Fitness Ministry. The goal/mission of the Spiritual Fitness Ministry is to help parishioners “exercise” their spiritual fitness through ministry work, mass and prayer. The Spiritual Fitness Ministry will pair parishioners with “coaches” to accompany ministry participants in their spiritual fitness exercises through public prayer during the mass, individual prayer and the communal experience of ministry work. Coaches will connect participants with resources for prayer, daily prayers, and weekly readings. PPC conducted further discussion about how to connect with/engage parishioners. Geof introduced the idea of offering Spiritual Fitness Ministry to parents of children receiving sacraments and CHRP participants. Additionally, ministry leaders are looking for women to help with this ministry, to support and engage women participants and recruit women coaches. PPC members will help engage women coaches and parishioner participants. Spiritual Fitness Ministry will be placed in the Spiritual Enrichment Ministry Community.

Update from the Pastor

Father Boland facilitated a discussion on the PA Grand Jury Report and OLPH Procedures/Safeguards. Father Boland reflected on the crisis being experienced in the US Catholic Church in the present moment. Father Boland emphasized the importance of addressing these devastating events during the masses. Father Boland expressed the need for radical, structural change in leadership of the Church and a stronger governance of the church. Father Boland expressed his commitment to support every aspect of OLPH parish, to make it safe for every child and person at OLPH. Father Boland also expressed the importance of addressing this problem directly with honesty and openness. He pledged to ensure that we do everything possible to ensure the safety of all at OLPH, continuing to conduct background checks and to provide ongoing safety education for all parish staff and volunteers. Father Boland also expressed his desire and commitment to engage any and all people who want to engage with the church at OLPH (through sacraments, school, RE programs etc). Father Boland reiterated that EVERY adult (staff members, lay volunteers, catechists, lay volunteers, teachers, coaches) has to complete a background

check and participate in VIRTUS training before working directly with children. Father Boland emphasized the importance of having protocols, processes and procedures in place and enforced at OLPH. Father Boland also expressed the importance of sharing these procedures and protocols with parishioners. PPC members gave reflections, asked questions and expressed concerns regarding the recent events in the Catholic Church and reiterated the importance of transparency in the Church as a whole and here at OLPH. Father Boland expressed confidence that the Church will get through this difficult time and move forward in a healthy, strong way.

Ministry Updates

PPC Ministry Liaisons shared reflections on communications and connections with ministries in their Ministry Communities.

Spotlight on Ministries

Liturgy and Worship

Rob Orr and Bob Pirsein (Ministry Liaisons for the Liturgy and Worship Ministry Community) presented updates on the ministries in the Liturgy and Worship Community. Rob and Bob created a flowchart showing the connections and contacts for the ministries in the Liturgy and Worship Community. PPC members continued discussion regarding restructuring of the Greeter/Usher Ministry.

Spiritual Enrichment

Susan Logan gave detailed updates on ministries in the Spiritual Enrichment Ministry Community including Baptism Preparation, Book Club, Kairos, Parent Effectiveness Training and the Pre-Cana Ministry. Susan shared Fr. Paddy's idea to incorporate PET session in Pre-Cana sessions and also to invite PPC members to Kairos closing ceremonies.

Upcoming Spotlights

- *September Meeting*
 - *Spiritual Enrichment – Tim/Susan/Maria*
 - *Human Concerns - Marti/Mark*
- *October Meeting*
 - *Parish Life - Cindy/John*
 - *Education/School Age - Cathy/Lisa*

Update on Capital Campaign

Father Boland offered a summary of projects completed in Phase 1 of the Capital Campaign including Parish Center renovation, church stairs renovation, installation/implementation of Hearing Loop technology, installation of accessible ramp at the Parish Center, construction of STEM labs in school. Possible projects for Phase 2 of the Capital Campaign include McDonnell Hall renovation, Glenview Road updates, renovations to the 3rd floor of the Parish Center, additional STEM labs for school. To streamline the process, Father Boland hired JNKA Architects to help facilitate town hall meetings, surveys and stakeholder interviews to determine needs and design a plan for Phase 2 projects. Proposed plans for Phase 2 Capital Campaign projects will be created by mid-fall 2018. Father Boland and PPC will work together to prioritize Phase 2 projects and finalize plans. Goal is to finalize Phase 2 project plans by Summer 2019.

Update on Communication

Bob gave update from Melissa Conroy regarding communications at OLPH. Parish Annual Report scheduled for distribution in early September, Planned Offertory information will be sent early October.

Melissa Conroy is continuing to work on updating OLPH Parish database. Currently, the OLPH Weekly Email blast is sent to 3,427 recipients. The Communication Advisory Team is continuing to meet and work on Parish communication strategic plan and a parish visual strategy with common logos and standard graphic design.

Goal Setting for 2018/2019

1. **Youth:** Support Year Two of the new OLPH Youth Minister and the new youth ministry program.
2. **Renew My Parish:** Embrace the Renew My Parish process and its mission of greater vibrancy and vitality of our parish and parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago, including implications for Divine Renovation.

Develop avenues for an ongoing relationship with Parish Councils from St. Catherine Laboure, St. Norbert, & Our Lady of the Brook

3. **Ministries:** To better connect and support our ministries at OLPH

PPC Focus Team Discussion and Sign Up

PPC members volunteered to join Sub-committees for PPC sponsored events and initiatives.

PPC Focus Team: Renew My Parish

Father Boland discussed the Renew My Church initiative which encourages sharing ideas, resources and ministry work between parishes. Father Boland also explained the importance of the Divine Renovation initiative as a way to enhance the vitality of Parish Life and parish communities. Divine Renovation, created by Father James Mallon, focusses on building a mission-focused parish and encourages people to deepen their relationship with Christ, promotes genuine hospitality and engagement and promotes leadership in the parish. The Archdiocese of Chicago is holding a Divine Renovation Conference October 1-2, 2018. Father Boland expressed the importance of having representatives from OLPH attend the Divine Renovation Conference. The goal is to have 20-25 representatives from OLPH including parish leadership, staff and parishioners attend this conference. The Divine Renovation process will enhance and enrich the Renew My Church initiative.

Renew My Church

Mike Hood gave an update on fall gathering of Parish Council members from parishes in our Renew My Church Grouping. Mike recounted the details of the 2018 meeting of the Parish Councils in our grouping and discussed goals for future meetings. Mike suggested date of October 20th to have a second meeting which would include an opening mass followed by a small group discussion about things our parishes do well/things our parishes need to work on, conclude with group share/group discussion. Goal is to build relationships with PPC members from the other parishes in our Renew My Church grouping. Judy

Dempsey of St. Nibert's offered to host this meeting of our parish grouping on the morning of October 20th.

PPC Focus Team: Summit

PPC Summit Team will meet September 15th to discuss ideas, themes, goals for the 2018 Summit. Summit Team will present ideas at the September PPC meeting.

PPC Focus Team: Service

PPC members will discuss possible Sept/Oct service event at September meeting.

Closing Prayer offered by Laura Flentye