

OLPH Parish Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes
October 15, 2018

PPC members present:

Fr. Jerry Boland	Y	Cathy Condon		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	Y	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.

Topic

Opening Prayer offered by Mara Lindsay

Approval of Minutes - Minutes approved by Parish Council on 10/15/18

Recap of our 2018/2019 Goals

Laura reviewed the PPC goals for 2018-2019 and progress/updates connected to each goal

1. Support Year Two of the new OLPH Youth Minister and the new youth ministry program. Progress report presented on updated Social Media activity.
2. 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. Gathering with parish grouping PPC members scheduled for October 20th.
3. Work to connect with and support our ministries at OLPH. Ministry updated presented on ministries included in the Human Concerns Ministry Community.
4. Support, provide assistance and insight to Fr. Boland and OLPH parish community as we work through the current crisis in our Church.

Update on Divine Renovation Conference

Bob Pirsein offered a summary and reflection of the Divine Renovation Conference. 2700 people from the Archdiocese of Chicago attended the Divine Renovation Conference with Father James Mallon in early October. Fr. James Mallon is the pastor of a parish in Nova Scotia, Canada and he is the founder of the Divine Renovation. The Divine Renovation Conference gave participants a strong feeling of energy and enthusiasm. The overarching theme was inspirational, hopeful and also challenging.

Divine Renovation requires a buy-in of leadership (lay leadership and pastoral leadership) to drive the mission of the parish. Divine Renovation focuses on mission and evangelization, focus on *mission* versus *maintenance* and *busyness* in our parish. According to Fr. Mallon, focus of parish life should be centered around the parish *mission*, and anything that does not support the mission of the parish requires change or renovation. People are the focus of our missionary discipleship and all people are called to be leaders. The goal is for the parish to become a home for people seeking meaning, mission and relationships. Leadership model of Divine Renovation is centered around a shared leadership model with lay leaders and pastor working together. Values and culture of a parish are determined by how a parish spends time and money, the makeup of staff, what is *done* versus what is *said*, adult formation, use of buildings and the parish calendar. Divine Renovation calls parishes to focus on worship, music, homilies, creating meaningful community, strength based ministry, formation of small communities, real experience of the Holy Spirit,

welcome/engagement and emphasis on the experience of sacraments and the preparation for sacraments. Evangelization and central mission of the parish are at the core of the Divine Renovation process. Bob concluded by emphasizing that Divine Renovation is not just another program, it requires buy-in from parishioners and leadership and willingness to work toward meaningful change.

Rob Orr added that the Divine Renovation Conference placed great emphasis on hope and the importance of generating energy and enthusiasm around the Divine Renovation process. Rob also notes the message from the conference was that the Church needs to renew itself with each new generation. Rob elaborated on the Divine Renovation teachings about sacraments. He specified the importance of “readiness” for sacraments versus the traditional practice of sacramental experiences at specific ages. Rob also expressed the power and inspiration that was generated by the experience of sharing this conference with 2700 people from the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Father Boland shared his experience of the Divine Renovation Conference as a historic moment where every member of every parish came together as equals and the importance of creating a sense of hope and energy and enthusiasm centered on making meaningful changes as we move forward as a Church. Father Boland expressed a feeling of hopefulness and positive energy that was generated from this conference. Father Boland also emphasized the importance of witness and missionary discipleship in our parish. He explained that our mission driven faith community will be strengthened by people with faith in Jesus who openly share that witness with others. He described the next steps for Divine Renovation in the Archdiocese of Chicago. First, Divine Renovation will pilot this program in 10-20 parishes from the Archdiocese. Father Boland has asked that OLPH be considered as one of these parishes that would be trained in the Divine Renovation process. He explained that we are in a natural place of readiness as a parish since we just went through the Transformation Process. Father expressed hope and belief that Divine Renovation will support OLPH in our mission to become a vital parish, an engaging, inviting community of missionary disciples.

PPC Sub-Committee: Summit Team Update

Cindy Moody and Mara Lindsay offered an update on the planning process for the upcoming Annual Summit which will be held on Saturday, November 3rd. PPC approved the Summit agenda including beginning the gathering by inviting participants to attend 8:30 mass as a community. Guest speaker Lisa Fortini Campbell will speak about discipleship, witness and her personal faith journey which will lead into a presentation and discussion focused on Divine renovation.

PPC Sub-Committee: Renew My Parish Update

Laura Flentye shared agenda for the Parish Grouping PPC gathering on Saturday October 20th 8:00-10:30 at Our Lady of the Brooke. Gathering will include fellowship, Mass, small group discussions (What are you engaged in currently? Success? Challenges), time for sharing about group discussions. The goal of this gathering is to create relationships and connections among parishes in our Renew My Church Parish Grouping.

PPC Sub-Committee: Service Update

Lisa Salemi offered a recap of Emergency Brown Bag Meals PPC sponsored Sunday Service event on Sunday, October 14th after 9:30 mass. Betty Collins expressed gratitude for the donations and shared a story that illustrated the importance of Emergency Brown Bag Meals for people in need.

Lisa also introduced the idea for a December PPC Sponsored Sunday Service. December project will take place at the Breakfast with Santa event. Volunteers will invite children to create cards for elderly, service members, homebound, hospitalized at the Breakfast with Santa Event on December. PPC will provide supplies. PPC members suggested involving 8th grade confirmation candidates and members of Youth Ministry to help with this service activity.

Lisa also introduced an idea for a PPC sponsored Spring Sunday Service project. Proposed idea would be to collect hygiene and personal care supplies for the people in need and provide an opportunity for parishioners to donate materials and also assemble Care Kits.

Update from the Pastor

Father Boland offered reflections about our Renew My Church grouping, changes at other parishes and the next steps in the Renew My Church process. Father Boland also offered reflections about the current crisis in the Church and Bishop Cupich's call for lay leadership to oversee Bishops as we move forward as a Church. Father Boland also reflected on the impact of the current crisis on the parishioners and priests here at OLPH. He articulated the fragility of this particular time in our Church and emphasized the importance of being present to people during this particularly difficult time.

Father Boland announced that next year (November 2019) will be the celebration of 100 years of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish. Father Boland will be forming a committee to help organize and facilitate events and activities to commemorate this significant and special moment at OLPH.

Spotlight on Different Ministries: Human Concerns

Marti Guerrero and Mark Ruchniewicz offered updates on the many ministries in the Human Concerns Ministry Community. Highlights include Creation Care and their participation in the Green Table at the Glenview Farmer's Market and the OLPH Goes Green recycling bag project, Ministry of Care provides communion and companionship to OLPH parishioners who are homebound and hundreds of people in local care facilities, Ministry of Praise prayer community, Micah Ministry and their ongoing efforts to bring awareness and action for social justice, Little By Little missions to Haiti which serve over 1000 patients during each week long mission trip, Meal Ministry provides meals for people in needs of food during times of crisis, Project Linus has created 117 quilts for people in need this year, Knit for Life hand makes blankets, prayer shawls, hats for people in need, Respect Life sponsors speakers and initiatives to collect materials and monetary support for mothers in addition to offering 24-hour adoration Hours for Life, Widow and Widower Support Group, Domestic Violence resource support group, Sharing Ministry facilitates ongoing initiatives to support needs of parishioners, Sharing Parishes and people in need locally provides many opportunities for parishioners to share time, talent and treasure.

Common needs for these ministries include need for volunteers (specifically younger people) to support ministry work, support with materials needed for ministry work and volunteers to share leadership (succession planning for future) responsibilities for specific ministries.

Closing Prayer offered by Tim Daniels