

**OLPH Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Meeting Minutes
June 19, 2023, 7:30 pm Rectory Dining Room**

PPC members present:

Fr. Jerry Boland	X	Patti Lawler	X	Mike Wycklendt		Brian Callahan	X
Tom O'Brien	X	Bridget Baumstark	X	Gretchen Zagzebski		Tom Huffman	X
Mark Cullum	X	Steve Schmidt	X	John Simons		Sandy McBreen	X
Sara Carsten	X	John Nicolau	X	Mick Bajakian	X	Ben Parma	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 John Nicolau

All PPC members introduced themselves as we welcomed the new members to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

The May meeting minutes were approved.

Pastor's Report:

Father Boland began by thanking the outgoing members of the PPC for their time and support over the past few years. He looks forward to working with the new PPC members as well. He mentioned how pleased that we were able to offer teacher retention bonuses and that at this point only 1 teacher was leaving due to an out-of-town transfer. Teachers felt the affirmation!

The Attorney General's report on the clergy abuse in the state of Illinois is out and the nature of the report is a gaping wound that won't heal without honesty. The Diocese has made available a report told with honesty and is a summary of what had happened. The Cardinal asked that the Diocesan report be available to all parishioners and was addresses at the masses. Father received many responses from parishioners about the report – many who had suffered some kind of abuse previously in their life and this opened old wounds. It was important to discuss this openly with our congregation. Father Boland is thankful for the 500-600 adults who work with children in our parish and have gone through their training. He is thankful to Karen Daniels and others who helped to make this possible.

The next step to further enhance child safety on our grounds I the installation of bullet resistant windows.

Archdiocesan Survey – The survey results have just been returned to the church and the Diocese want to know what are the issues in our church. OLPH data was released last week. It will take time to analyze the data. Father Boland will put together a strong committee of church members to do an executive summary of the data. He hopes to have a summary of the data by our September meeting. Father shared that of out of parishes with greater than 1500 families, we were in the top 5 with the number of responses that were completed! This survey was done in 70 Dioceses.

Religious Education – Angela Romero is leaving her position to seek out a new chapter in her life which might include philanthropic work. She has built a strong program with over 500 kids and will work to mentor the new person who will fill her position.

Ministry Community Update – Parish Life: John and Brian provided a nice summary of the many ministries of parish life.

Appreciation of the Outgoing PPC members: Mark and Sara honored and shared brief comments about each of the outgoing PPC members and their contributions to the Parish Pastoral Council – John Nicolau, Tom O’Brien, Steve Schmidt and Mike Wycklendt. Thank you for your service!

New Member Orientation and Installation Mass/Reception: The Installation Mass will be Sunday 7/23 at the 9 am mass and our 1st PPC meeting with new members will be Monday 7/24 beginning at 7:30 pm. Sara will arrange a new member orientation separately.

New Business: Brian Callahan shared that he is involved with the Seminary Golf outing and would like to invite others to it on 9/15 at the Pine Meadows course with dinner to follow. He will work with Terry Luc to publicize it to others through the Parish email blasts.

Closing Prayer offered by John Nicolau