

OLPH Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes, August 15, 2016

PPC members present:

Fr. Jerry Boland	Y	Bill McCabe	Y	Greg Bedell	Y	Mark McKinley	Y
Fr. Nick Kostyk	Y	Bob Michels	Y	John Thissen		Mike Hood	Y
Fr. Isaac Lara	Y	Cathy Condon	Y	Kevin Boyle		Nancy Detlefsen	Y
		Dave Ludden	Y	Laura Flentye	Y	Rob Orr	Y
		Elizabeth Hoshaw	Y	Mara Lindsay	Y	Shannon Dowdle	Y

Action items are highlighted in Blue.

Opening Prayer: Shannon read the opening prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from July meeting were approved. Motion made by Shannon Dowdle. Seconded by Bob Michels.

Review PPC Goals for 2016/17: Thank you to all who submitted ideas for 2016/2017 goals. Goals for the upcoming year are noted below:

- **Parish Transformation Process** – communicate and implement the transformation process in conjunction with those on the various transformation initiatives.
- **Youth Ministry** – implement a plan and move forward with/without a formal youth minister leader and effectively communicate this plan to the parish.
- **Capital Campaign** – facilitate energy, enthusiasm and spiritual connection to the campaign as it relates to OLPH and the greater Archdiocesan Community.
- **Engagement** – engage old/new parishioners and create new forms of engagement to strengthen and invigorate parish.

Discuss PPC 2016 PPC Summit: Thanks to all who participated in Summit Brainstorming event. Plans include:

- Location: looking for a new/fresh venue.
- Timing will be modified to encourage greater participation. Perhaps 8am-12pm, with lunch ending the event.
- Potential Agenda Topics: Parish Transformation Process (including informational video), speaker: Fr Ron Lewinski, testimonial speakers: 1-2 parishioners, youth ministry update, Laudato Si' and Capital Campaign Update.

Capital Campaign Update: Wave 6 of “To Teach Who Christ Is” underway. Over 30 parishes joined at OLPH for an event to kick things off. Exceptionally informative regarding what Archdioceses will do with their share of the funds. Professional Fundraisers seemed very knowledgeable and helped ease fears by attendees. OLPH Committee is being formed. This committee is responsible for implementing the strategy of the fundraising campaign. Much of the work is formulaic and handled by Archdiocese – we need people to implement the plan and goals. The pledge process will take place from September through November.

Transformation Update: Over 70 parishioners participated – over half of which participated throughout all 13 weeks of the process. Time was spent going through building blocks including: evangelization, catechesis, prayer and worship, communion, missionary spirit, call to holiness and Spiritual Stewardship.

Team chose 2 main building blocks to focus on: Communion and Catechesis.

Determined a mission narrative to capture the spirit of who OLPH is and what we want to be.

Action Plans and Goals determined for areas including: Mission, Education and Finance.

Implementation Team includes: Robb Orr, Margie Andre, Hank Pielach and Sarah Lane Hill. After approval/feedback by the Vicar, communications will be distributed and rolled-out to the Parish. **Rob to post all materials to the PPC Group on The City.**

Outreach to Community Leaders: PPC members should reach out to community leaders to introduce yourselves and begin to engage with these ministries. Topics to talk through include: succession planning, answering questions on the Summit and Transformation Process, etc... As you send emails to your ministries, it is always helpful to send those emails to the PPC as well. We can leverage materials off of each other.

The City: OLPH has been working very hard to utilize The City as a communication source for over 2 years. We'd like to review the usage of it and determine how well it is being utilized and how to proceed with its usage.

If you do not receive the Parish Friday email, email Natalie (nconseur@olphchurch-il.org) to be added to the Constant Contact distribution list.

Youth Ministry: Resumes continue to be submitted – which are reviewed and followed through on as appropriate. Several individuals want to talk/participate in Youth Ministry and move things forward without a minister. Fr Boland will work with a group of interested parents/youth to host a few events this school year. [Greg Bedell, Laura Flentye and Nancy Detlefsen to help Father move this forward.](#)

Needy Family Fund: Update on Social Worker... Beatrice will be working 2+ days per week starting this week. She will have a Catholic Charities supervisor and every 6 weeks the social work, Sr Paulanne and Fr Boland will meet to determine how this is working.

Notes from previous PPC Minutes... We have an extraordinary effort that raises a large amount of money that enables Sr Paulanne to help families who have gone through financial crisis. Monies collected have grown significantly and needs have been ever-changing. We are working to connect people to resources – the solution is not always financial.

Catholic Charities has been working on a parish based social service process – to facilitate assistance to those in need - training social workers that get placed in parishes. Beginning in mid-August, on a trial basis, OLPH will be working with a Catholic Charities Social Worker to help the Needy Family Fund by providing assessments and establishing a plan. This person will work 2-3 days per week and will be assessed routinely.

Closing Prayer: Mark closed the meeting with a prayer.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nancy Detlefsen.