

## **OLPH Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes, June 20, 2016**

**PPC members present:** Margie André, Greg Bedell, Fr. Jerry Boland, Kevin Boyle, Cathy Condon, Nancy Detlefsen, Shannon Dowdle, Laura Flentye, Mike Hood, Fr. Isaac Lara, Dave Ludden, Bill McCabe, Karen Navarre, Rob Orr, Jim Riley, Julie Ruchniewicz, John Thissen

**Opening Prayer:** John read the opening prayer.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from May meeting were approved.

**Transformation Update, Next Steps:** Margie reported that there is a meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 21, for the Transformation Steering Committee, Team leaders, and anyone who participated in the Transformation process. Rob Orr will give a PowerPoint presentation in which he takes everyone through the Transformation process as well as the steps in the completed action plan.

Fr. Boland commented that the plan, which is visionary, focuses on a variety of issues, including the youth of our parish as well as building bridges between Religious Ed and the School. The PPC will be helping to carry out some of the action plans with leadership from the Transformation Implementation Team. The plan will be presented to Bishop Kane sometime in August.

**Capital Campaign Timeline:** Fr. Boland reported that we will soon begin the Archdiocesan Capital Campaign entitled, "To Teach Who Christ Is." OLPH is in the sixth and final wave of this campaign, which we did not want to undertake until all pledges were collected from our current campaign. Forty percent of what is collected will go to the archdiocese and sixty percent will stay at OL. There is confidence that we will meet our projected goal. We are in good shape with our projects which have something for everyone. There will be a parish-wide appeal in the Fall and it is hoped that pledges will be made by November.

**Creation Care Ministry Update:** Jim reported that the Creation Care Ministry has held three meetings so far with 30 plus members. The 9:30 Mass on Sunday, June 19, was devoted to Laudato Si with a special liturgy. The ministry is looking into recycling and also plans to buy a tree for the south portico. Jim said they are open to ideas to involve the school and religious ed, and he said that families are most welcome. On August 13, Evolve will host a speaker, who will address environmental issues.

**Youth Minister Search:** Fr. Boland reported that after a year into the process, they still have not found a suitable candidate for Youth Minister. He said that it is a difficult position to fill and there is a high burn-out rate. Because the youth of our parish is a focus of the Transformation Plan, Fr. Boland feels there is an urgency to do something. There was a discussion on actions we might take to offer some activities or programs for our youth while looking for the right youth minister. Shannon tabled the issue for further discussion at a future meeting.

**Convent Project:** Fr. Boland reported that the convent project is going well, and the sisters will be moving into their new apartment the week after July 4. He said they are welcome to stay as long as they want to. The next project will be to convert the common room to a new Religious Education Center. The convent chapel will be converted to new meeting space by Labor Day.

**Honorariums:** We discussed a possible dedication for Fr. Hickey. There will also be a dedication made to Sister Marie of the pew in the Lady Chapel.

**New Member Installation, Orientation:** The four new members of the PPC, Cathy Condon, Laura Flentye, Mara Lyndsay, and Rob Orr will be installed at the 11:00 Mass on July 17. Their first meeting will be on Monday, July 18. Bill asked that the new members arrive a half hour early (7:00 p.m.) for a brief orientation.

**Pastor's Report:** Fr. Boland reported that there will be someone coming to look at the church to see if we might be able to install a hearing loop for the hearing impaired.

**Farewell Notes:** Margie, Shannon, Karen, Julie, and Jim each gave a brief talk about their term on Parish Council. It was the last meeting for everyone but Shannon, who will stay on for a fourth year and serve as Deanery representative.

**Closing Prayer:** Dave read the closing prayer, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00.

**Minutes respectfully submitted by Margie André.**