

**OLPH Parish Pastoral Council Meeting**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**09/16/24 7:30 pm**  
**Parish Center 3rd Floor Conference Room 1**

**PPC members present:**

Fr. Jerry Boland	X	Marilyn Jansen	X	Mike Crowe	X	Brian Callahan	X
Bridget Baumstark	X	Cindy Rourke	X	Kevin Dougherty	X	Tom Huffman	X
Sara Carsten	X	Kevin Ryan	X	Katie King		Sandy McBreen	X
John Simons	X	Danielle Schuh	X	Laura Roche	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:**

Tom Huffman

**Approval of Minutes:**

Our last meeting (August 2024) minutes were approved and seconded.

**PPC Membership Update (Mike Crowe)**

Katie King is resigning from PPC due to family issues (returning to work, husband’s travel increasing and kids school activities). The PPC is thankful for Katie’s contributions to our group. Fr. Jerry suggested to Mike Crowe and Sara Carsten to re-examine the slate of recent PPC candidates to select a replacement.

**Summit Planning Update (Mike Crowe)**

Date set for a half-day on Saturday Nov 2 in either the Playdium or McDonnell Hall (if construction has not started). One planning session has been held with a subset of PPC to discuss a theme. The group plans to leverage the recently completed Eucharistic Conference with the goal of bring people back to the church. The group is working on identifying a keynote speaker.

**Pastor’s Updates:**

- Capital Campaign:
  - Generation to Generation, the Archdiocese’s new \$350 million capital campaign, will be rolled out soon, in six waves of parish groups.
  - At August PPC meeting Fr. Jerry indicated that he’d like OLPH to be in last wave of the campaign and headed by the next pastor.

- Campaign hierarchy at Archdiocese was very supportive of OLPH being in the first wave. The first wave will consist of 25 parishes. The Arch selects strong parishes where they believe the campaign will be successful, where they can learn and adjust for subsequent waves.
  - Fr. Jerry has agreed to be part of the first wave of this campaign. This is based on several considerations:
    - Prayer and conversations with others
    - Concern that new pastor coming to OLPH and asked to lead campaign before making connections may not set him up for success
    - A successful campaign will make transition for new pastor easier
    - We are a very blessed parish; very likely to be successful
  - Preliminary campaign meetings at OLPH would begin in November. The campaign would formally launch in January with pledge collection running from approximately March through June.
  - Initial thoughts from the Archdiocese is that this would be a \$3.8M campaign with \$1.9M to the parish and \$1.9M to Archdiocese
    - OLPH could decide on a bigger target with more going to OLPH projects
  - PPC will be important in putting together a case statement that is the “Why” to the parish for the campaign
    - How can we improve outreach? At OLPH, how does that look beyond our thriving guilds and sharing initiatives?
    - What can our parish do to be more effective in communicating with those who are disengaged or feel disconnected from their faith?
    - Should we tithe to our sharing parishes? How should we look at spending suggestions coming from RE and School?
- Pastor Transition:
    - Fr. Jerry does not want to end his time at OLPH “asking for money.” He has petitioned the Cardinal to stay another year (i.e. July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026). The Cardinal accepted Fr. Jerry’s petition.
    - Transition planning for associate priests:
      - Fr. Patrick is completing his 6th year and maybe getting placed July ‘25
      - Fr. Larry completing his 5th year and will likely be here for another year
      - There is hope to land another associate to replace Fr. Patrick. This new associate would overlap with the new pastor
      - Fr. Jim, as a retired priest, stays with OLPH “at the pleasure of the pastor,” no change in his status is anticipated with a new pastor.
  - McDonnell Hall

Moving forward at a “snail’s pace.” Although we have permits to begin, we need 3 bids before Building & Grounds selects their preferred contractor who then gets reviewed by the Archdiocese. Currently, two contractors are preparing their bids; estimated construction time

is 4 or 6 months Another two contractors are coming this week to be able to generate their bids. Fr. Jerry thinks construction would begin around Dec. 1

- Evangelization Ministry

Evangelization team has been put together which includes Sara Carsten. They are looking to broaden the net and pull in more folks to our parish / re-engage with their faith. A woman from the Archdiocese has been helping has been impressed with what we have already in place (e.g. Karen Navarre's new parishioner outreach). The team is being trained in Alpha program (focused on spirituality) which has been very effective in US and EU Catholic churches. The team is planning on a Spring launch of Alpha at OLPH.

- Political Environment

During COVID pandemic the Archdiocese had a committee to manage the government "stay in place" orders, etc. With the upcoming election and its opportunity for division & chaos, the committee has been re-instated. As a parish, we are encouraged to be neutral - do not support one or another candidate (e.g. no signs on property, pushing an agenda, etc.). Inform Fr. Jerry if you notice non-neutral messages on campus.

### **Administrative Items**

- Ministry Appreciation is scheduled for Feb 8, 2025
- Sign-up Genius for PPC meetings still has openings. Suggestion is for each PPC member to sign up for 3-4 items across the year.
- Sign-up Genius for Ministry Liaison Reports is also available.

### **New Business:**

Sandy McBreen suggested that we invite ministries from the groupings that we support to present at the PPC. The PPC agreed to focus on ministries that were actively looking for PPC assistance and/or broader understanding of their mission in the parish.

### **Closing Prayer:**

Mike Crowe