

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Meeting Minutes
04~14-2025 7:00pm
Parish Center Third Floor Conference Room 1**

PPC Members Present:

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

Approval of March Minutes: (Laura Roche) Approved

Recruiting: (Mike Crowe)

Mike advised that there are 8 candidates currently being considered and interviews will be held shortly. He asked the committee to respond to an interview schedule so that enough council members are available to interview the candidates in May. There will be 5 positions to fill on the committee.

Ministry Updates: Education (Danielle Schuh, Sara Carsten, Mike Crowe)

R.E. Currently 434 enrolled. They meet on Tuesdays and Saturdays. There are 46 catechists, and they are always interested in more volunteers.

SPRED – Currently 8 children are enrolled. Going well. They held Masses back in September and February; and will have a 1st communion Mass in May. They are always looking for opportunities to include more school families - perhaps connecting with St. Norberts, and/or St Joseph & Francis Xavier Parishes would get the word out about this meaningful ministry.

OLPH School - Currently 821 students; 472 families, 13% multi-racial; 6 performing Arts programs, 8 Athletic programs. Sixty-seven teachers, with an average tenure of 15 years.

It was mentioned that St. Catherine school is closing at the end of this school year. 90 total students; 65% of the students are from families that are not parishioners.

Pastor's Updates: (Fr. Boland)

New Facilities Director: The new Facilities Director has started and is working out well. He has a team of 8 on his staff.

McDonnell Hall update: Demolition to start on 4/21. Potential completion is to be early September, hopefully before the school year starts.

Capital Campaign Projects: The Generation-to-Generation campaign is proceeding with success. The council discussed the challenge of keeping up and maintaining the personal information of the parishioners. Many ministries keep their own lists and information so it may be updated elsewhere but not with the church's master database. There were some parishioners who felt slighted that they were not invited to some of the campaign gatherings. Father will address this at Mass and advise all to reach out to the office to update their records so that the information is current and accurate. Some of the data included in the records is old and outdated.

Clergy Staffing: We have been advised that both Fr. Patrick and Fr. Larry will be leaving OLPH in July 2025. They will be assuming Associate pastor roles in parishes in Lake Forest and Riverside respectively. There are ongoing discussions at the Archdioceses as to who will replace these two priests at OLPH. We should have more information on whether we will receive one or two priests at the end of May. If we only receive one, there may be a need to have discussions regarding Mass scheduling. Fr. Barrett is staying at OLPH.

School Staffing: There are 4 teachers who will not be returning next Fall. Interviews are already underway to fill those positions. Always looking for new ways to incentivize Catechists. Will likely be looking for additional R.E. teachers for the Fall as well.

Finance Council: - The Finance Council will attend our meeting next month. Due to the combined meetings, we will meet at 7:30 in May.

Summit 2025 Planning: (Kevin Dougherty)

Kevin plans to host a zoom meeting to kick off the planning for Summit 2025. Discussion to include branding, dates, and potential speakers. Invite to be sent after Easter.

New Business:

There will be a farewell Mass for the departing priests on June 7th (the Saturday 5:00 Mass). Planning is underway for a reception after the Mass.

Closing Prayer: (Cindy Rourke)