

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
Meeting Minutes
05~19-2025 7:30pm
Parish Center Second Floor Hickey**

PPC Members Present:

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

Approval of March Minutes: (Kevin Dougherty) Approved

Finance Committee in attendance: (Bridget Baumstark) Gave Update

Finance Committee was established through Canon Law

Purpose/Reason is to support the Pastor, Parish and School- No decision-making authority.

School finance is strong:

Majority of money for school is raised by tuition, collections and the OLPH Endowment.

Fiscal 2025 we are up 4% YTD—Right at budget.

There is a small fear that parishioners will give to Generation Campaign and not give as much to Parish.

McDonnell Hall is on way finally – This project was funded by prior campaign.

Big Expenses- Salaries/Benefits, Subsidy for school, Building maintenance, roofs.

New School investments – Teacher retention funds, Security

Have seen an increase in enrollment and tuition

Needy Family Fund is Strong!

PPC Update (Mike Crowe)

PPC is set as an advisor to the Pastor (Fr. Boland)

No Decision ability either

Set to be the eyes and ears of the Parish and report back to Fr. Boland

PPC also acts as liaisons to OLPH's 70 ministries

PPC plans two events.

Summit in the Fall
Ministry appreciation mass and dinner in spring
PPC currently has 15 members
13 candidates for next and will have 5 members rolling off shortly

Pastor's Updates: (Fr. Boland)

Pastor Transition Process: Fr. Boland mention how grateful he was to everyone in attendance for their passion and hard work on committees at OLPH.

He mentioned it's hard to believe that some parishes do not have these committees, just unthinkable.

He's excited about the new members on the school board.

Associate Change: Father Larry and Father Patrick will both become Pastors in the next year.

Father Patrick—St Mary's Lake Forest

Father Larry—St Paul Riverside

Father commented on what an extraordinary place OLPH is for young priests due to all the support these young priests receive.

Very hard these days to get new associates due to numbers; this is concerning since OLPH can have 140 Funerals, 80 weddings each year.

We should find out in the next couple of weeks prospects for the positions.

Pastor Change:

Looking at New Pastor candidates will start in the fall:

Parish profile- NEEDS, 100 employees, big budget, 5-year outlook of parish

New Pastor should be appointed by 1st week of March 2026

Important for the board to have new pastor meet the new neighborhoods early to learn about different cultures within the parish.

About 200 potential priest candidates to look at for the pastor role at OLPH.

As a side note, most associates only work at a parish for 5 years.

Generation to Generation:

So far great response – \$4 million so far; looking to reach \$6 million by end of July.

Great committee running the Campaign.

Father believes we really need to be transparent with these funds and let folks know their money went where they wanted it to go.

Closing Prayer: (Danielle Schuh)