

## Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

### Meeting Minutes

08 - 18- 2025 7:00pm

Parish Center Third Floor Conference Room 1

#### PPC Members Present:

Fr. Jerry Boland X	Mike Crowe X	Matt Kline X	Danielle Schuh X
Chad Barney X	Kevin Dougherty X	Margaret Pasquesi X	Tracey Zabriskie X
Kim Bredemann X	Tom Huffman X	Laura Roche X	
Brian Callahan X	Marilyn Jansen X	Cindy Rourke X	
Sara Carsten X	Elisa Kline X	Kevin Ryan 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: (Mike Crowe)**

**Approval of June Minutes:** (Danielle Schuh) Approved

#### **Administrative Papers / Sign Up Genius Coming: (Danielle Schuh)**

Papers include PPC Roster, PPC Meeting Calendar, Ministry Liaisons, Updated Ministry Leader Contacts, & the Confidentiality Agreement. Please sign this half sheet and return to Danielle at the end of today's meeting. There is also a Sign Up Genius being sent out for members to sign up for a certain role for each meeting.

#### **Welcome Fr. Roy & Fr. Honoratis: (Mike Crowe)**

Introduction of priests and introductions of all PPC members along with their years on the council and their roles.

#### **Break Out Sessions - "Goals, Hopes & Aspirations for 2025 - 26 PPC Year" (Mike Crowe)**

- ~ Continue the momentum from the Capital Campaign hoping to grow church engagement. The Capital Campaign is an indicator that there's energy in the parish in planning for the future.
- ~ Get more younger people involved in church ministries and at mass.
- ~ The need to listen to parishoners and meet them where they are at.
- ~ Get people to commit to the mission of the church.
- ~ Potential is improving this year with new priests, new initiatives, etc.
- ~ Find ways to include everyone in the church.
- ~ With the increase of apartments in Glenview, there is concern for older single residents that are on their own and not connected. How do we reach them?

**OLPH United Update: (Kevin Dougherty)**

Last year, the OLPH Summit was featured mid fall after 8:30am mass. The program had a theme along with speakers with a fireside type chat. This year, we began planning earlier to rebrand it in order to appeal to more church members of various ages. The Summit has been rebranded to OLPH United, a morning of passionate community to come together in faith. All are invited. There are no barriers. We share our witnesses to each other. Kevin will continue to meet and refine the program with the help and support of PPC members. It will be held on Nov. 1st after the 8:30am mass and last until about noon. We have reserved McDonnell Hall and Playdium. PPC will work together to put this on for the parish. Luke Lato is going to be our featured speaker. Danielle sent an email to Terry to publish the "Save the Date" in the bulletin. We will be including OLPH alumni invites to Luke's graduating class along with Mary's, his sister. We will also contact Amy Mills and invite RE parents during their children's RE classes.

**ByLaws Review: (Mike Crowe / Marilyn Jansen)**

All members have a copy of the ByLaws in our binders. The executive board has noticed a discrepancy in them and would like to form a subcommittee to review these ByLaws to update them and/or clarify them. Let Marilyn know if you are interested in helping with this. We'd like this completed by the end of the year.

**Pastor Transition Update: (Mike Crowe / Fr. Jerry / Sara Carsten)**

Fr. Jerry feels that the new pastor should have the supports that Fr. Jerry had in place when he started. As a new pastor, Fr. Jerry was given a handbook to help him with transition to OLPH. The PPC created this document as a profile of just OLPH. This handbook was modeled after a document called the *Parish Profile* created by the Archdiocese. This document stated OLPH's strengths and challenges of the ministries and the parish. The PPC also organized informal summer gatherings taking place by Labor Day in different neighborhoods in order for Fr. Jerry to get to know his surroundings. PPC needs to help the Pastor get his "running legs" within the parish. Fr. Jerry was given so much support when he started here, and he wants that for the next Pastor. Sara will be part of this transition process. PPC will update this handbook for the next Pastor. In February, they will begin contacting candidates that are a match for OLPH. By March, we should have a person named. He will start on July 1, 2026. (Fr. Jerry has nothing to do with this process.)

**Pastor's Updates: (Fr. Jerry Boland)**

There will be many changes coming for OLPH. Fr. Jerry is grateful for the support.

Fr. Roy and Fr. Honoratis have been acclimating to the parish well.

**Capital Campaign Update:**

This campaign has been beyond successful! Our parish is so generous and this community means so much to the parishioners at OLPH. We are at \$7.2m currently. Some of this goes to the archdiocese, but the rest will be put towards improvements for our church. There are many projects going on for this. PPC will organize a way to communicate these improvements with families that contributed by inviting them to see various completed projects.

**Steering Committee Process:**

This committee will prioritize the projects listed from the Capital Campaign. It will depend on the cost of each project. In order for us to start a project, we need to have the money set before we begin. Our goal is to accomplish all of our projects. By January we should have a prioritized list. Some projects include: Glenview Road entrance enhancement, AC updates, new elevators installed, refurbished pews in the church, etc...

**McDonnell Hall Update:**

This construction has cost twice as much as we thought it would. Fr. Jerry meets weekly with the project committee. There have been a lot of interior infrastructure upgrades - cloth wiring replaced, piping, fire detection system upgraded... Dry wall should be coming in the next week or two. They are putting in a generator as well, and the village has input on where it is to be installed. Everything is moving forward. It will have the latest technology and be very appealing. The kitchen and bathrooms in this area are also being upgraded as well. Fr. Jerry is hoping it will be up and running by Christmas.

**Closing Prayer: (Mike Crowe)****Meeting Minutes: (Danielle Schuh)**

**Fellowship:** Snacks - (Marilyn Jansen) / Beverages - (Mike Crowe)