



**Joint Parish Pastoral and Finance Council
Meeting Minutes**

Date: 05/18/26

Location: Boland Parish Center, Hickey Hall

Called to Order: 7:38 pm

Adjourned: 9:00 pm

Minutes recorded by: Margaret Pasquesi

OLPH Mission:

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish 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.

<p>Present:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fr. Jerry Boland <p>PPC</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Chad Barney 3. Kim Bredemann 4. Brian Callahan 5. Mike Crowe, Chair, <i>(joined later)</i> 6. Kevin Dougherty 7. Tom Huffman 8. Marilyn Jansen, Vice Chair 9. Elise Kline 10. Matt Kline 11. Margaret Pasquesi 12. Cindy Rourke 13. Kevin Ryan 14. Danielle Schuh 15. Tracey Zabriskie <p>Finance Council</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 16. Bob Pillion 17. Artie Collins 18. Ken Kraft 19. John Kinahan 20. Barb O'Hara-Matzin, School Business Manager 21. Dr. Amy Mills, School Principal 22. Mary Lynne Januszewski, Director Parish Operations and 23. Bridget Baumstark, Chair 24. Gwen Kindein 	<p>Absent:</p> <p>Colin Gubbins Ann Burke Sara Carsten</p>	<p>Guests:</p> <p>Fr. Trout</p>
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<p>5. PPC Chair Report, Marilyn Jensen & Mike Crowe</p>	<p><i>Marilyn begins...</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review of PPC Mission 2. Revised PPC Bylaws 3. New PPC members: Javier Ubarie, Char Sparrow will be at June Meeting 4. Summary of PPC 2025-2026 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. OLPH United/ Formerly Summit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fr. John Trout would like an event to talk to the leaders of the parish about synodality <p><i>Mike Crowe continues report...</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Parish Profile 3. Fr. Jim Barrett's death during December PPC meeting 4. Ministry Appreciation Night 5. Working on farewell to Jerry 6. Welcome to Fr. John Trout as new pastor. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Approved & passed 4. Tracey is OLPH United Hospitality Chair, Elise is Speaker Chair, Chad is Communication Chair 6. Fr. Trout prefers to be called John or Fr. John 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Complete 4. In Progress
<p>6. Pastor's Report, Fr. Jerry & Fr. John</p>	<p><i>Fr. John:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gratitude is a big part of his spirituality, to focus on blessings, gifts, strengths rather than problems 2. Gratitude for Jerry, the first person Fr. John met when he came to Chicago; Jerry convinced him to stay. <p><i>Fr. Jerry</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Leadership: OLPH has a bounty of graces. When we commit together, something great happens. 4. Pastor Transition: big focus of both PPC & FC in this last year, and he expressed his gratitude 5. OLPH Security campaign: Already happening: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. exterior lighting, 2. surveillance cameras 3. locked doors when children are in church 4. Security officer starts in Aug 5. Panic bars on school/ church doors 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fr. John recommends both PPC & FC listen to Fr. David Stindl-Rast's Ted Talk: "<i>Nothing more attractive than a happy person, a happy community</i>" 3. Action as Leaders: Sometimes we need to affirm, sometimes we need to heal, sometimes we need to challenge 	

	<p>6. School & Religious Ed going well</p> <p>7. Alpha Ministry going well</p> <p>8. Sharing Room going well</p> <p>9. Catholic Extension: opportunity for us to learn about the universal church</p> <p>10. Youth Ministry program: Thank you to Zoe Sundstrom</p> <p>11. Women's Club has never had as many guilds as they have now</p> <p>12. Men's Club going well</p> <p>13. OCIA: 23 people of all ages</p> <p>14. Challenges:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. People are hurting, don't feel welcome 2. People are searching for community 	<p>14. OLPH needs to reach out to larger community; need to still make the case for why people should share their time, talent & treasure here.</p>	
<p>7. Additional/Old Business and Announcements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow-up on ongoing initiatives • Status updates • Items requiring further discernment • Upcoming events • Scheduling reminders 	<p>N/A at today's meeting</p>	
<p>8. Closing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intentions • Closing prayer by Tracey Zabrieskie • Next PPC meeting is the last PPC for this year: June 15 in the Rectory. 6:15pm start in the rectory dining room; new members join at 6:30pm, followed by dinner. 		

Respectfully Submitted

Margaret Pasquesi
PPC Member-At-Large