

# Minutes of the Pastoral Council meeting at OLSS

November 17, 2022

## Members present:

Monsignor Brennan  
Rob Vella  
Fr. Chris Knight  
Judy Slattery

Terry Williams  
Ben Luke  
Paul Jennings  
Leah Tahiry

Vanessa Valenzuela  
Sr. Lucy Clynes

## Members Absent:

Fr. Eric Stelzer  
Michael Lenahan  
Mary Ann Miller

- 1. Opening Prayer entitled “The Renovation Prayer”.**
- 2. Review of Upcoming Parish Events:**
  - a. Thursday and Friday, Nov 24th/25th: Thanksgiving. Parish Office closed
  - b. Wednesday, November 30th, Parish Advent Penance service at 7 pm.
  - c. Thursday, December 1st: Advent Penance for Palmer Academy
  - d. Saturday, December 3rd: CCW Christmas Bazaar
    - i. Leah: Fully booked. A lot of new people are coming. 46 tables booked from 9:30a to 2:30p.
  - e. Sunday, December 4th: 11am Mass - RCIA Rite of Welcome. 11 people: 7 children and 4 adults.
  - f. Thursday, December 8th: Holy Day of Obligation. Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass times: Wednesday 7p mass, Thursday 8:30a mass, and 7p mass.
  - g. Friday, December 9th: Preschool Christmas program.
  - h. Saturday, December 10th: Advent Anointing of the Sick Mass, 2pm.
  - i. Thursday, December 15th is OLSS Staff Christmas Party.
  - j. Thursday, December 15th Palmer Academy Christmas program
- 3. Future Pastoral Council Meeting Dates, all times 6pm:**
  - a. Wed, Dec 14th, 2022 (Due to competing events on Thurs Dec 15th)
  - b. Thurs, Jan 19th, 2023
  - c. Thurs, Feb 16th, 2023
  - d. Thurs, Mar 16th, 2023
  - e. Thurs, Apr 20th, 2023
  - f. Thurs, May 25th, 2023
  - g. Thurs, Jun 22nd, 2023
- 4. Review of Suggestions Submitted for Pastoral Issues**
  - a. Respect for Life (Judy)
    - i. Recommendation given. Msgr. Brennan will look into how to follow up on that.
  - b. App for OLSS curated content (Ben)
    - i. Conveniently available resources for further understanding of the readings

- ii. Ben will form a committee to investigate, ponder, and recommend.
- iii. The council commented on:
  - 1. a few current available app solutions including MyParish app
  - 2. possible content: Bishop Barron homilies, overlayment to myParish links and OLSS bulletin
- c. What are parishioners looking for: a deeper relationship with Christ. (Terry)
  - i. Provide more opportunities for parishioners to serve others/generosity/selfless giving.
  - ii. Closer connection with clergy
  - iii. Greater sense of community
    - 1. Fundraising
  - iv. Quality Council - to investigate ministries' best practices.
  - v. Youth program - investigate to invigorate/advertise more.
    - 1. Msgr. mentioned new youth minister is just now getting going.
  - vi. Msgr. comment, "Furthering parishioners to be engaged in their faith life". "Lots of gifts and talents in this parish. Are we utilizing them to the best degree".
  - vii. Terry commented on Bishop Barron's series on Catholicism where education like this series promotes a dive into faith.
  - viii. Msgr. mentions Feb 5th, Ministry Fair.
  - ix. Although there is an opportunity to get people involved; delve into more ways to get people involved and offer some recommendations.
  - x. Discussion ensued around the idea of ministries presenting their mission statement at designated masses.
  - xi. Msgr. mentioned 40 ministries at OLSS possibly discussing their mission statement; each one per week in the 52 wk yr. cycle.
  - xii. Msgr. mentioned Fr. Eric is chairing both the Diocesan committee for Eucharistic Revival, and head a chair on the Pastoral Council's committee for Eucharistic Revival within OLSS parish.
- b. Time and Talent for Volunteers Ministry (Mary Anne)
  - i. Msgr. mentions parish-level stewardship revival in a balanced approach to giving back to God for the gifts God has given us through a balanced gift of your time, money, and/or talent.
  - ii. Upon Mary Anne's return, Msgr. to ask her to lead a committee on Stewardship in the parish.

#### **5. Closing Remarks:**

- a. Msgr. indicated committee chairs should give updates at future meetings.
- b. Msgr. mentioned it would be great for everyone to be on a committee.
- c. Fr. Knight reported on the training for the marriage preparation ministry.
- d. Ben presented that the meeting will be recorded for transcription, and after approval of the meeting minutes, the recording will be deleted. There were no objections so the process will be implemented for this and future meetings until otherwise altered.

**Msgr. closed the meeting with a prayer.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm**