



Our Lady Star of the Sea Pastoral Council Meeting

**“Investigate, Consider Information, and Develop
Recommendations”**

February 16, 2023 - Meeting Minutes

Members present:

Monsignor Brennan
Rob Vella
Fr. Chris Knight
Judy Slattery
Michael Lenahan

Terry Williams
Ben Luke
Fr. Eric Stelzer
Leah Tahiry

Mary Ann Miller
Sr. Lucy Clynes
Vanessa Valenzuela

Members Absent:

Paul Jennings

- 1. Opening Prayer entitled “A Wave of Rejuvenation Prayer”**
- 2. Review of January 19, 2022 Meeting Minutes**
 - a. Motion to accept meeting minutes, so moved, seconded, and approved unanimously.
- 3. Msgr. Brennan Remarks**
 - a. New Parishioner Newcomer Welcome canceled for Feb. 16, 2023, and rescheduled for April. All new parishioners will be invited to attend on April 20, 2023.
 - b. Marian project, new statue. Power and new fountains in the pond were successfully installed and were running.
 - c. The projected date for the statue to leave Italy is the end of February. Its estimated arrival at OLSS is mid-March.
 - i. Hoping to do a crowning and blessing of the new statue in May.
 - d. Confession Times beginning Ash Wednesday, Wednesday, February 22nd
 - i. Adoration will continue after 8:30 a.m. Mass until 5:00 p.m.
 - ii. Confessions will be scheduled for a full hour: from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., followed by the evening Mass at 7:00 p.m.
 - e. Both Eucharistic Species at the following masses
 - i. Holy Thursday mass
 - ii. Easter Vigil
 1. Not on Easter Sunday
 - iii. Will resume the following mass, April 16, 2023, at 2 mass times: Saturday 5pm mass and Sunday 11am mass.
 - f. Stations of the Cross, every Friday night, 7pm during the Lenten Season.
 - g. February 18th-19th, 2023: Bishop Erik Pohlmeier’s first Annual Appeal video will be shown in place of the homily.
 - h. Prayers for Linda Earp, Principal, Palmer Catholic Academy.

4. Chairman Michael Lenahan Remarks

a. Committee Notes:

- i. All committees are listed on the meeting agenda for time to report on substantial updates.
- ii. If committee chairs are absent, assign a committee member to give a report, or indicate no updates available.
- iii. The intent of the report should not be a discussion, a forum, or a roundtable.
 1. Committee heads can solicit input on discussion from Pastoral Council members on a specific direction/decision, not for polling or general direction.
- iv. Reach beyond the members of the council for input.
 1. Discuss initiatives with parishioners. Remind when necessary committee heads are to solicit input for further discussion/consideration, not for a direct recommendation.

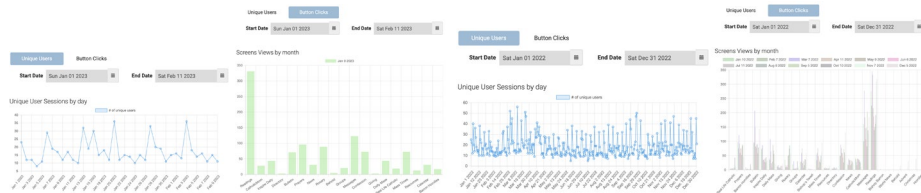
5. Committee Reports

a. PROTECTION OF THE UNBORN, Judy Slattery:

- i. Judy provided a report to council members via email on Feb 10th.
- ii. Sister Lucy questioned whether a regular announcement in the weekly bulletin was part of the report or just a suggestion mentioned in the last meeting minutes. Judy clarified the report did not include a regular bulletin announcement.
- iii. The request for Pastoral Council endorsement was made.
- iv. The vote to recommend to Monsignor Brennan was unanimously approved.

b. ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION, Ben Luke:

- i. Ben distributed the following analytics of the MyParish app for Jan 1-Feb 11, 2023, and 2022.



- ii. In 2023, Unique Users per day, max count = 37.
- iii. In 2023, Button Clicks indicating the most desired content, in order of views per month, are Readings (n=330), Messages (n=130), Prayers (n=90)
- iv. In 2022, Unique Users per day, max count = 55.
- v. In 2022, Button Clicks, views per month, are Readings (n=330), Messages (n=130), Prayers (n=90)
- vi. The committee's goal will be to further discern which app content and functionality should be retained and which should potentially be removed as one means to facilitate higher parishioner engagement.

- c. **PARISHIONER ENGAGEMENT, Terry Williams:**
- i. Terry emailed preliminary recommendations from the Parishioner Engagement Committee to the council members before this Feb 16th meeting.
 - ii. Email and discussion outlined:
 1. Discussion with Kathleen Bagg Director of Communications St Augustine diocese.
 2. Flocknote discussion as an alternative to myParish app.
 3. 5minute pulpit talk during mass
 4. Targeting high school youth to be ushers
 5. Welcome Wagon/Ambassadors program
 - a. Mary Anne commented on Palmer Academy's Mentor Family program
 6. myParish app: 2016 Parish Survey reported
 - a. 14% had parish app.
 - b. 83% are willing to provide email/contact information to receive communication.
 - c. Kathleen Bagg mentioned:
 - i. 30% of parishes using myParish App.
 - ii. 2022 zoom webinar for myParish rollout.
 - iii. would help rollout a myParish app relaunch.
 - d. recommendation for hiring an IT-qualified person or intern, at minimum wage.
 7. Flocknote
 - a. 9000 parishes signed up nationwide
 - b. Word on Fire content to engage parishioners
 - c. recommendation to sign up 50-100 people via beta trial
 - d. Flocknote support is available to import our communications onto the platform.
 8. Michael suggested that a parish app should include the following:
 - a. Basic static parish information
 - i. Contact information, ministries, schedules
 - ii. Parish activities
 - iii. Interactive capabilities
 1. registering, paying, or volunteering for Parish activities.
 - iv. Diocesan content
 - v. Prayer, reflection, daily readings, videos, information on sacraments, Lenten/Advent readings including, Lenten, feast days, key speakers (ie Bishop Barron)
 9. Mary Anne commented the app should have Interactive capabilities for registering, paying, or volunteering for Parish activities to quantify engagement.

- d. **TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE**, Mary Anne Miller:
 - i. bypassed until the report for next month.
 - e. **EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL**, Father Eric
 - i. Eucharistic procession route off campus.
 - ii. Carlo Acutis Eucharistic stations
 - iii. looking for times to foster greater silence before, after, and during mass to have a more reverent liturgy.
 - iv. Mike Lenahen commented on the parishioners' enjoyment of the Gregorian chant before mass.
6. General Discussion/Other Topics
- a. Mary Anne reported on the Father-Daughter dance which included 246 people, roughly 95 families.
 - b. A great response of 20 volunteers.

Msgr. closed the meeting with a prayer.

Next Meeting: March 16, 2023

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm