



# Our Lady Star of the Sea

## Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

*Investigate - Ponder - Recommend*

April 25, 2024 - Meeting Minutes

Council Members present:

Monsignor Brennan	Vanessa Valenzuela	Lisa Frank
Paul Jennings	Ben Luke	Terry Williams
Michael Lenahan	Rob Vella	Mary Ann Miller
Leah Tahiry		

Council Members Absent:

James McGuire	John Harrington	Jill Rattigan
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Others Present:

Fr. Chris Knight

- 1. Opening Prayer entitled “Eucharistic Revival Prayer”**
- 2. Review of March 21, 2024 Meeting Minutes**
  - Unanimously passed. (The audio recording of the Mar 21, 2024 meeting has been deleted.)
- 3. Msgr. Brennan’s Parish Update:**
  - Update on Sister Lucy: Back at home after surgery and receiving physical therapy.
  - Month of May activities: The month of First Communions, Confirmations, and graduations as we move into the summer months.
  - Palmer Academy’s Principal Linda Earp, founding principal of our preschool and Palmer Academy, has decided to retire after 32 years of service. We will keep her and her son-in-law in our prayers. Msgr. recognized her service and expressed his gratitude on her gift to the parish. Msgr. added there are two events planned to celebrate Linda Earp: one event is a retirement dinner to include her family, faculty, spouses, and school board, the other, Sunday, June 2nd Time: 12noon (following the 11:00 am Mass) in OLSS Cultural Center for the parish to celebrate her service to the parish.
  - Congratulations to Daniela DosSantos who will be taking over the Palmer Principal position with Fionnuala San Juan as her assistant principal, both of whom Msgr. praised and recognized their past work within the school and parish.
  - Ethan Sapp has taken the position of the OLSS new Youth Director, a Bishop Kenny graduate who has already met with the kids on Sunday night and is involved with the Confirmation Retreat.



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- f. Gail has been hired as OLSS Office receptionist. She has prior experience in the parish as a bookkeeper.
- g. Elena Mirus, who is serving as Echo Apprentice, will be leaving in May and is getting married in OLSS in June. Msgr. Dr. Alex will be replacing Elena's position.
- h. Msgr. reviewed the following calendar events:
  - i. Holy Week was completed with compliments to those who assisted.
  - ii. May Crowning to occur after 11 am Mass with coordination help from Dr. Alex and the kids from religious formation.
  - iii. Thurs, May 9th, 6 pm, Confirmation with Bishop Estevez.
  - iv. Throughout May, we will have First Communicants during Sunday Masses.
  - v. Fr. Cusick is conducting a Question and Answer session on May 17th in the church. OLSS is coordinating a reception also for the event.
  - vi. Jim Goodell is hosting the Heritage Singers Concert Friday, May 17th at 7 pm in the Cultural Center.

### Committee Reports:

#### 4. Pastoral Council Nomination Committee

- a. In the wake of committee chairman John Harrington's absence, Leah Tahiry gave the following committee report:
  - i. the committee has received 2 candidates to interview.
  - ii. One is scheduled for May 4th. The other has yet to be scheduled.
  - iii. The deadline for nominations has been extended to May 19th.
  - iv. Chairman Michael Lenahan confirmed the committee will be ready to present their report by the PC May meeting.

#### 5. Bylaws Committee

- a. Bylaws Committee Chair, Michael Lenahan, presented the Bylaws Review Committee's report which included the following:
  - i. At last month's Pastoral Council meeting, the Bylaws Review committee presented (12) individual recommendations for consideration. After moderate discussion, the Council approved (7) of the recommendations; dispatched with (1) recommendation as unnecessary; and sent (4) recommendations back for minor changes in wording.
  - ii. Michael Lenahan presented in green text the council's requested changes and red font is the text that did change.



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- iii. Recommendation #4, Filling Vacancies on the Pastoral Council: Approved.
- iv. Recommendation #5, Provision for Including Non-voting Members: Approved.
- v. Recommendation #6, Nomination Process and Procedures Clarified: Approved.
- vi. Recommendation #10, Attendance Policy: Approved.
- b. In response to Fr. Knight's request to see the bylaws revisions in context, Michael indicated these recommendations will be distributed to the PC Members and to Msgr. for review before the next meeting.

### Closing Comments

- 6. Rob Vella addressed the Pastoral Council to give an update on this health and to recognize the support of the Pastoral Council and parish community through his recovery.
- 7. Chairman Michael Lenahen informed the Pastoral Council that Paradisus Dei is preparing a program similar to their "That Man is You" program for women. Msgr. indicated Michael should send him an email on the topic.
- 8. Fr. Knight advised the Pastoral Council that when topics are brought to him which are reportedly approved by Msgr, then Fr. Knight is requesting that approval to be documented in an email, especially when Msgr. is absent, to show proof of Msgr.'s approval. Msgr confirmed this protocol.
- 9. Closed the meeting with a prayer.

**Next Meeting: May 23, 2024, 6:00PM**

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