



OLPH PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

December 6th, 2017

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:05PM by acting chairperson, Leta Shannon; the following members were in attendance:

Father Jim	Robert Gaudet	Ron Ross
Jason Bodnar	Monica Friesen	Fiona Wimmer
Leta Shannon	Father Raj	Ron Dick
Helen Doyle	Linda Karpala	Greg Szott
Raylene Yuzyk		

2. The opening prayer was a Gospel reading by Linda; we were reminded that we need to be alert at all times for the second coming of Christ; also, how the apostle John drew people to follow him; we should follow Jesus in the same way.

3. The agenda was amended to add #'s 6-Youth and young adults and 7-Catholic Social Services to #9(a) Information

4. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as distributed

5. **Guest Speakers for the year:** Greg will contact a representative from Catholic Social Services to speak at our March or April meeting; he will also contact Dave Kornder to speak

6. **Pastor's Report:** Father Jim advised that the new protocols for Eucharistic Ministers have been implemented; he will put information on the reason for the changes in the Bulletin so all parishioners are aware of the reason for the changes. The inside doors to the church will be closed prior to Mass so people can visit if they wish, while others can have a quiet time to pray; the Stewardship prayer will be offered after Communion. Bulletin will be revamped to become a better marketing tool for parishioners.

7. **Standing Reports:**

- a) Liturgy Council: Ron Dick advised that the committee met on November 22nd, and preparations are underway for the Christmas Masses; K of C will direct parking during the Christmas Masses; the Pentecostal Church have extended the use of their parking lot for all of the Christmas Eve Masses. New members from the Call to Stewardship have been advised to register for the Called to Protect Workshop, and they will be commissioned on the weekend of December 9th and 10th. There is a workshop on preparing for confession this weekend, and the penitential service at OLPH will be held on December 12th.
- b) Finance/Administration: Ron Ross advised that there was a meeting of the committee on December 5th; the roofing situation is being monitored, and they hope to have a

maintenance committee in place early next year. We will review our sacrificial giving program in January as the issue is often raised by parishioners; should we only focus on local needs? Our allocation for Together We Serve is \$114,000 and we're currently at \$110,000.

- c) Parish/School Relations: Raylene advised that all schools participated in Catholic Education Sunday on November 4th and 5th; ABJ is helping 4 local families for the next 3 months; parishioners have donated blankets etc. to the Valeda House Project; Madonna and Holy Spirit Schools are having their advent concerts at OLPH; priests are visiting schools on a weekly basis; Masses at the schools will be followed by adoration, starting in January; parishioners are encouraged to attend any of those Masses; Jets are assembling Christmas bags for all children who attend on Christmas Eve; three students from ABJ attended the youth conference in Indianapolis recently; sacramental enrolment is down approximately 30% from last year.

8. Information, Discussion, and Action:

a) Information:

1. Visioning Update: Robert distributed the new version of the visioning document; next step will be to meet with the communications committee to determine key messages to promote the new strategy; information will be in the Bulletin in December, and further information in January, including small group feedback, and full parishioner feedback by the end of January. A vision implementation team will be created by February 26, 2018, with regular feedback to PPC.
2. Message Preparations: Messages re the vision will be on the AV screens prior to all Masses in January
3. Welcome Breakfast: Approximately 325 parishioners attended after the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses; our sponsored family from Syria were welcomed and they thanked OLPH for their sponsorship
4. Parishioner's concerns: Father Jim has responded to the concerns raised
5. TIM Workshop: We will concentrate on implementing our vision for OLPH; however, workshops are available in the city on January 20th and February 10th for anyone wishing to attend
6. Youth and young adults: Father Jim advised that he was approached by a person who wants to start a group for 18-35 year olds; will review again in 2018
7. Catholic Social Services: Greg advised that he attended a function put on by Catholic Social Services and he will invite a representative from their organization to speak to PPC in March or April, 2018

b) Discussion/Action:

- i. Knights Fundraiser: Leta composed a coupon from PPC for their February dinner and dance; it was recommended that the starting bid be \$500
- ii. QuidNovum: Leta will ensure that all upcoming parish events from OLPH are posted to the website
- iii. Follow-up Action Items: Delete #'s 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, and 14

- iv. Couples for Christ-scheduled Mass for music: Greg advised that Sharon Darbyshire will try to ensure that they have a scheduled Mass for music prior to Easter

9. Parish Formation Activities:

Robert advised that new courses will be available in January in the GIFT brochure; there will be a Lenten mission in the new year

10. What are we hearing from parishioners?

- i) Are we having conversations, asking questions, interested?
- ii) Ministry Liaison Reports: Leta advised that the CWL fall market made \$4,680; an announcement re launching World Day of the Poor was made on November 19th by Pope Francis; members participated at Remembrance Day on November 11th; members joined K of C at a Mass for deceased members on November 15th.
Children's Liturgy: approximately 25 children attend, and 3 parents are assisting
Fionna advised that the First Reconciliation event went well
Robert advised that the ICPM group will serve lunch at the Bissell Centre on Feb 18th and Sept 2nd; we are welcome to assist in preparation the previous day, and on the serving day
Jason advised that he gave information to Brenda re obtaining a permit from the county to alleviate complaints from the neighbour lady re the noise from snow removal
- iii) Challenges and Blessings: All members shared examples from their professional and/or personal lives

11. Significant Dates:

- a) Next PPC Executive meeting: Saturday, January 6th at 9:15 AM
- b) **Next PPC meeting: Wednesday, January 10th at 7PM; bring a treat to share after the meeting**

12. The closing prayer was led by Linda; meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM

Follow-up Action Items:

1. Contact your Ministry Liaisons re any issues for PPC-all members
2. Contact Catholic Social Services re speaking at a meeting in March or April-Greg
3. Get more information re the authenticity of the Shroud of Turin and the potential for bringing it to OLPH during Lent-Leta
4. Invite Dave Kornder to PPC to explain the Cursillo program-Greg
5. Contact Sharon Darbyshire for a specific date for the Couples for Christ choir performing at a Mass in the new year-Greg
6. Get a school to be responsible for the 6:30 Mass downstairs on Christmas Eve-Father Jim
7. Put information re couples for Christ in the Bulletin-Raylene
8. Put information in the Bulletin re the changes to Eucharistic protocols-Father Jim
9. Bring a treat to share at our January meeting-all members