

MINUTES for PPC MEETING: April 8th, 2026

Members Present: Father Jim, Deacon Lynn, Uduak Akpan, Mary-Lou Veeken, Aoife Cahill, Wally Sagansky, Tracy Lockhart, Brittany Ottens, Dina Cutting and Helen Doyle.

Regrets: Father Michael, Rod Randolph, Bridget Kenny, and Natalie Lavigne

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1. Opening Prayer/Gospel Reflection	Uduak	<u>1</u>
2. Review and Approval of Agenda: the agenda was amended by adding #g-Pastoral Care to #8-New Business-amended agenda approved	Uduak	<u>2</u>
3. Review and approval of Minutes: The minutes were approved as distributed	Uduak	<u>3</u>
4. Pastor's Opening Comments: Father Jim advised that he is very grateful to everyone involved in the Holy Week and Easter celebrations, especially the Liturgy Committee and the office staff for all of their work; similar comments were expressed by Deacon Lynn.	Father Jim	<u>4</u>
5. Ministry Liaison: What have you heard? Uduak advised that she contacted the GIFT Committee and it is recommended that PPC members avail themselves of courses offered by the GIFT Committee. Question was raised about an old cross that was at OLPH; response was that it has been put in storage and a lighter one is now used. a) All Others: N/A b) Correspondence: N/A	Uduak Uduak Uduak	<u>5</u>
6. Action items a) What has been completed? 1 item on the list has been completed and will be deleted; b) the remaining 6 items will remain on the list, with date changes.	Uduak	<u>6</u>
7. Generative Discussion: How do we celebrate Easter Triduum at OLPH? Where do we glow, and where could we grow? All agreed that our Easter Triduum was beautiful, with music, floral decorations and readings being highlights as well as the large crowds that attended all weekend. We are challenged to look for ways to encourage participants to attend our regular Sunday and weekday services.	Uduak	<u>7</u>
8. New Business: a) Welcome-Father Michael: We are blessed to have Father Michael with us; he does not have a driver's license yet, but is hoping to get that soon. b) Revision of PPC Constitution: Decision was to form a committee to review the proposed changes and report back to PPC on May 13th. Volunteers for the committee are: Mary-Lou-chair, Aoife, Uduak and Helen. c) Church Renovations: Final Update: Tracy advised that the renovations are complete, with the help of a lot of volunteers. It was recommended that OLPH plan a volunteer appreciation event for the volunteers-e.g. an invitation to the next K of C breakfast d) Priority Sunday: Uduak advised that the next one will be the first Sunday in May. e) Conversation Café: What does it mean to die with dignity? Amanda Achtman, Bioethics Director of Canadian Physicians for Life will speak here on April 19 th from 2-3:30PM on this topic; attend, if you can. This event is co-hosted by OLPH Compassionate Parish and Young Adults group. f) Seniors' Housing Project: No update g) Pastoral Care: Uduak advised that there is a workshop in Leduc on April 18 th for interested participants; more information can be obtained from Bridget.	Uduak Uduak Tracy Uduak Uduak	<u>8</u>
9. Standing Reports: a) CWL: Mary-Lou advised that: the CWL hosted the 40 Days for Life Day of Prayer on March 13 th , led the Stations of the Cross on March 13 th ,	Mary-Lou	

organized L'Arche Dinner on March 15th-85 attended, Masses with CWL intentions and hosted Holy Hour on March 18th, coordinated Development and Peace Share Lent Solidarity Sunday on March 21st and 22nd, assisted with the reception after the Chrism Mass on March 30th, sent 5 greeting cards to members in March and 2 Masses were said..

Upcoming CWL Events: April/May 2026

Executive meeting on April 7th and general meeting on April 13th, with guest speaker from Sherwood Care, Masses with CWL intentions and host Holy Hour on April 15th, Diocesan Convention from April 17th-18th in St. Albert, Executive officers installation on April 26th at the 10:30 Mass, Strawberry Tea and Fashion Show on May 1st, Executive meeting on May 4th and general meeting on May 11th-guest speaker-from Seniors United Now, 12 hours of prayer for Palliative Care on May 20th, Masses with CWL intentions and host Holy Hour on May 20th.

Ministry Liaison: Alpha Program-there will be a post-Easter program on “Seven Pillars” from April 23rd-May 28th; and advised that she has noticed smaller garbage bags in some of the rooms-a positive sign for waste reduction.

PPC Queries: Nil

b) Knights of Columbus: Wally advised that: there was a presentation from Sherwood Care Redevelopment project at the March meeting, members assisted with the ICPM food prep on March 7th, currently selling tickets at the Mall for the K of C charitable foundation, the Silver Rose Pilgrimage will be held in Fort Saskatchewan at Our Lady of Angels on April 12th, Pancake breakfast here on April 19th after the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses, State convention is scheduled for April 24th-26th, and a Mother’s Day breakfast is planned for May 10th.

c) Liturgy: Dina advised that: Ash Wednesday Masses and Easter services were reviewed and details further refined; the committee is working with the Archdiocese IT support to consider a shared drive for storage of documents. They welcome feedback from PPC about their experience of the Holy Week Masses and services. Comments: More parishioners should be afforded the opportunity to pray for the RCIA candidates, pictures of the RCIA candidates could be featured in the foyer each week during Lent, they could be prayed for during the Prayers of the Faithful, and PAD info could be shared with RCIA candidates to increase weekly donations.

d) Finance/Parish Business Report: Tracy advised that: the 2025 Stewardship Report was included in the Easter Bulletin; OLPH has agreed to increase Together We Serve contribution for 2026 by 2%, PAD giving increased in 2025, and utility costs were reduced due to a fixed rate option; salaries will increase in 2026 due to our new priest, and modest increases for staff. Hope to have students available for the summer from the Canada Summer Jobs Program.

e). Parish Team Update: Parish School Relations: 1 and 2: Natalie advised that: Father Michael is adapting nicely to OLPH, and Carol is back from medical leave; have posted a part-time weekend/evening position, clergy presence in the schools has increased, 3 schools came to OLPH for Mass on April 8th-St. Theresa, St. Nicholas, and Holy Spirit, EICS staff who participated in the OCIA program will receive their sacraments at school Masses on April 8th, April 21st and June 4th, a retreat for all grade 8 students has been proposed for May 28th at OLPH, ABJ grad. will be at the Convention Centre on May 31st, SICL/Chesterton grad will be at OLPH on June 5th, names of graduates will be passed out to parishioners so we can pray for specific students, and Catholic Education Week will be celebrated here on May 9th at the 5PM Mass; staff and students will be invited to participate in ministries

3) Sacraments and Funerals: First Communion celebrations were held on March 21st and 22nd, a photographer is needed to assist with taking pictures for sacramental

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<p>celebrations, 50 children are registered for the final session of the year for First Reconciliation and First Communion prep, Confirmation classes are going well, students volunteered at the church over spring break in a variety of duties, Baptism prep for school-aged children will be offered on April 14th, and 30 people were received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.</p> <p>4) Youth Ministry: The youth group will meet on April 10th and will learn to write psysanka, led Stations of the Cross on March 20th, and will be painting a mural on the sea can to be shipped to Paulatuk for the North of 60 project.</p> <p>5) Other Parish Activities/Events/News: Sanctuary renovations in the Nave are complete, and a wide variety of events are being organized to increase awareness and understanding of the Catholic response to Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide.</p> <p>f) Pastoral Priorities Report: Brittany advised that: the Archdiocesan Synod Advisory Committee is moving into the implementation phase of the Synod on Synodality, with focus on: where do we sense the Holy Spirit bringing renewal and hope or new possibilities for mission, what might the Holy Spirit be extending to our Archdiocese to grow as a more synodal and Missionary church, and what can we do to help our Archdiocese to grow as a synodal church of communion, participation and mission? How do we see the Holy Spirit inviting us to focus on our pastoral priorities? One of our primary goals is to make our parish the most welcoming one in the Archdiocese. We should move to a connected pastoral approach in our ministry. One idea was to connect with parishioners a key moments in their faith life e.g. Anniversaries of Baptisms, and other Sacraments: Previously identified ideas remain central: Marriage prep and enrichment opportunities, Family catechesis building, Family-friendly formation, Teaching and accessibility related to Eucharistic Adoration, and improved follow-up after weddings and baptisms.</p> <p>g) Other Business: N/A</p> <p>10: Wrap-up</p> <p>a) Challenges and Blessings:</p> <p>b) Next PPC Meeting: May 13th, 2026-6:30PM</p> <p>c) Closing Prayer:</p> <p>d) Adjournment-meeting adjourned at 8:20PM</p>	<p>Natalie</p> <p>Brittany</p> <p>Uduak Uduak All Uduak Deacon Lynn Uduak</p>	<p><u>10</u></p>
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ACTION ITEMS

Date	Action Item	Person Responsible	Due Date	Status	Date Completed	Comments
October 8 th , 2025	Review the Constitution and bring comments to PPC	Committee	May 13 th , 2026			
March 12 th , 2025	Look for opportunities to be a Compassionate Parish	All	Continuing			
March 11 th , 2026	Include info in the Bulletin re parishioners who can volunteer to drive seniors to/from Masses	Natalie	May, 2026			
Dec. 10 th , 2025	Include discussion re Legion of Mary in May agenda	Uduak	May 13 th , 2026			
Feb. 11 th , 2026	Ask other groups to assist with the ICPM lunch in Sept. 2026	Natalie	Sept. 1 st , 2026			
Feb. 11 th , 2026	Send info re garbage to Bridget Francisco in office	Mary-Lou	May 13 th , 2026			

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