

# **OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CHURCH**

## **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Minutes, March 3, 2021 – Virtual Meeting

### **I. ROLL CALL**

Monsignor Gentili, Matt Gavinelli, Dominique Galloway, Lisa Martinez, Juan Navia, Deacon Brady, Emily Clementi, Paul Crovo, Mike Broglie, Ray Lokay, Leo Craig

Excused: Dan Drain, Lisa Kopertowski, Paola Cubides Herrera, Father Ianelli, Chip Puchino, Carol Kalouche

Recording Secretary: Teresa Fischer

### **II. OPENING PRAYER**

Monsignor read the day's Gospel from Matthew 20, 17-28. Monsignor led a reflection on the importance of service within our community. Jesus stressed that greatness is determined by serving the needs of others and placing others before ourselves. Today is the Feast Day of Saint Katherine Drexel, the founder of the sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. Saint Katherine Drexel helped the poor and in particular members of the African American and Native American communities. Monsignor asked members to gather all of their prayers and intentions and ask the Blessed Mother to be our guide in service to our parishioners. Council members prayed the Hail Mary.

### **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

(November 11, 2020)

Matt Gavinelli asked for a motion to approve the November 11, 2020 minutes. Juan Navia motioned and Mike Broglie seconded the motion. The members of the committee unanimously approved the minutes. Teresa will post on the website.

### **IV. STRATEGIC PLAN TRACKER – Monsignor/Juan/Matt**

Monsignor would like to consolidate the 2017-2022 Strategic Plan Tracker to focus on the three main areas of Outreach/Evangelization, Organization/Institution Review and Fiscal Responsibility/Stewardship. The tracker is a living, breathing document and puts the plan into a condensed form. The new Strategic Plan (2021 to 2026) will prioritize new initiatives and develop a more specific plan for 2021-2026. We will continue to monitor and strengthen initiatives from the tracker that

have been already completed.

A few additions to the Strategic Plan Tracker are to formulate a technology team to utilize the technology in which we have invested and continue the integration of Spanish-speaking parishioners.

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) and the Parish Financial Council (PFC) will officially discuss and sign off on the new Strategic Plan at the Combined Meeting of the Parish Councils in June 2021.

V. **FORMATION OF VOCATIONS COMMITTEE (Monsignor)**

A Vocation Committee has been formed under the direction of Bob and Louise Silberg. The parish would like to promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life. In addition, the parish is planning to provide programs to help with family and marriage.

VI. **CELEBRATING GROWTH MINISTRY FAIR UPDATE**

The PPC discussed hosting another Ministry Fair after Easter. The committee will meet to develop a plan.

VII. **LIVESTREAM and SAFETY/SECURITY UPDATE**

The livestream has been going very well, with minor glitches here and there, which we will continue to address and improve upon. The parish has been actively livestreaming Daily Mass, Sunday morning 8 a.m. Mass (multiple camera view) and funerals. In addition, we recently livestreamed and recorded the Stations of the Cross in both English and Spanish and have the TVs on the first floor of the PLC all set to view the livestream for overflow seating for Mass and special events.

VIII. **OTHER COMMITTEES/UPDATES AND NEW BUSINESS**

Deacon Brady discussed Word on Fire, a new educational program with videos available on Flocknotes. The parish is currently utilizing a free trial through Easter. The hope is to reach people that are not coming to church. Dominique suggested the parish look into podcasts.

Council members discussed the possibility of distributing ashes after school on Ash Wednesday, which would be convenient for parents and children. At this time, OLG is planning to continue with its regular Mass and Ash Distribution schedule.

Monsignor suggested having the OLG Ambassadors or other greeters at every Mass and in particular the special liturgies.

With the assistance of the grant from the State of PA, the security committee was

able to oversee the installation of surveillance cameras in both entrances and the project to improve security access to the PLC.

Monsignor asked all members of the PPC to continue serving in their current position. He would like to postpone elections for another year due to the challenges of the pandemic.

IX. FINANCE COUNCIL UPDATE

Paul Crovo shared PFC updates. The Legacy Campaign has \$1.7 million in pledges and over \$750K in cash. The goal is to raise a minimum of \$3 million. The collected money will be invested, as the balloon payment on the loan is not due until May 2024. A new investment subcommittee has been created to help govern how the money will be invested following all the guidelines of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The weekly collection average is \$30,852 and is up 3.3%.

X. NEXT MEETING

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, May 5, 2021

Combined Meeting of the Parish Councils, June 16, 2021

XI. CLOSING PRAYER

Monsignor prayed for the health and wellbeing of all council members and their families. The council prayed the Hail Mary.