

# **OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CHURCH**

## **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

**Minutes, September 20, 2022 – Parish Rectory**

### **I. ROLL CALL**

Monsignor Gentili, Matt Gavinelli, Leo Craig, Paul Crovo, Dominique Galloway, Kimberly Hirsch, Ray Lokay, Tony Martin, Lisa Martinez, Juan Navia, David Serrano, Bob Silberg, Ed Zupanc

Excused: Deacon Brady, Carol Kalouche, Lisa Kopertowski, Karen Brody

Recording Secretary: Teresa Fischer

### **II. OPENING PRAYER**

Monsignor read today's Gospel from Luke 12:49-5. Mary, the mother of Jesus, and the apostles were unable to join him as he was preaching. Monsignor explained that the members of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) are like Mary and the apostles, they have already heard the word of the Lord and are acting on it. This is what members of the PPC are called to do.

As members of the PPC, you are asked to help Monsignor put forth the mission of the parish and help the parish accomplish its goals. Council members shared their thoughts on the reading, perpetual adoration and making Our Lady of Guadalupe (OLG) a safe place. Monsignor asked members to act upon God's word in their own way. Council members prayed a Hail Mary.

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

Matt Gavinelli asked for a motion to approve the April 26, 2022, minutes. Ray Lokay motioned and Bob Silberg seconded the motion. The members of the committee unanimously approved the minutes. Teresa will post on the website.

### **IV. PPC ELECTIONS RESULTS AND INTRODCUTIONS**

The PPC welcomed new members Kimberly Hirsch, Tony Martin, Bob Silberg and Ed Zupanc. Monsignor discussed the importance of reviewing the current (and former) strategic plans, so all council members are informed about what the parish has accomplished and its future goals. In two years, PPC elections will be held again to elect four more new members. Monsignor acknowledged the service of Mike Broglie and Chip Puchino who finished serving their terms in June.

Monsignor provided an overview of the PPC. He asked new members to not just

bring their ideas to the council meetings but also suggest solutions to the challenges the parish is facing. The PPC sets the vision for the parish and Parish Finance Council (PFC) support that vision.

V. INTRODUCING NEW DRE AND DHM

Monsignor informed members that Karen Brody is the new Director of Religious Education (DRE). Karen was unable to attend the meeting as she had obligations with PREP. Monsignor introduced David Serrano, the new Director of Hispanic Ministry (DHM). David is happy to be at OLG and is already working closely with staff members and leaders of the Hispanic Ministry at OLG. He will focus on Hispanic families and the entire parish community in relation to PREP, adult faith, Baptisms, Quinceaneras, Weddings and more. Monsignor commented that reaching out to Hispanic families is part of the parish strategic plan and David is the link to make sure these families become closer to the Lord and part of our parish. He will be working on several events to celebrate the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe in December.

VI. CELEBRATING GROWTH MINISTRY WEEKEND – JUNE 25/26

A ministry fair was held on June 25/26 after all Masses in the courtyard. At the fair, 57 people signed up for various ministries. Members discussed moving to two larger ministry fairs (instead of the previous three) to be held in the spring and fall (before Memorial Day and after Labor Day). Ray shared a ministry sign up pamphlet from a parish in Chicago. Matt Gavinelli asked for a volunteer to consider helping with the ministry fairs.

VII. EVANGELIZATION INITIATIVES

Deacon Brady heads the parish evangelization initiatives. Don Kraft, a member of the PFC, has been appointed the lead of a new evangelization effort that is targeted to PREP parents/families. Lisa Kopertowski, David Serrano and Karen Brody are also part of this new team. This is just one part of the parish evangelization efforts to get people back to church. Other initiatives include Nothing Compares to Being There, the Synod – Called for More and the new National Eucharistic Revival. Look to discuss these items at the next Joint Meeting of the Parish Councils in December.

Over the next three years the USCCB is asking all dioceses to participate in the National Eucharistic Revival. At OLG, we will be highlighting the real presence in everything we do. This belief in the real presence is what makes us different from other religions.

VIII. CHURCH SURVEY/DMI

At this time, there is no update. Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey results will be

added to the agenda of the Joint Meeting in December.

IX. ONE FAMILY DAY, JUNE 12 – Monsignor

The first parish We Are One Family Mass and Carnival went well. The goal of this event was to provide a Mass and family fun event for everyone – including those with special needs. Council members discussed having more marketing to people outside the parish. Monsignor added that the goal of every event is not to necessarily make money, but we also don't want to hold events for free and should plan to at least cover expenses.

X. OTHER COMMITTEE UPDATES OR NEW BUSINESS

Paul Crovo mentioned that the PFC is starting to explore planned giving for the parish. Dick Clark, chairman of the PFC, will be working with the Archdiocese of Philadelphia (AOP) to bring this program to OLG.

Monsignor mentioned that as members of the PPC you may need to be available throughout the year for additional meetings, join webinars or to read emails to offer advice and guidance. One example of this is that approval was recently needed to get a new roof at the rectory. The AOP wants to make sure that the PPC and PFC are working together and informed of these initiatives.

XI. NEXT MEETINGS

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, November 9, 2022

Combined Meeting of the Parish Councils, December 7, 2022

XII. CLOSING PRAYER

Monsignor and the council prayed for the special intentions of everyone present. The council prayed the Hail Mary.