

OLG Parish Pastoral Council (“PPC”) Minutes
Monthly Meeting, August 11, 2020

ATTENDEES:

Priests	Father Kevin Finnegan	Father Nathan Hastings		
2021	Doug Fulton (Chair)	Mary Absolon	Sharri Harmel	
2022	Mike DuMond	Art Hays	Steve Schreiber	Lucy Winter
2023	Ashley Biwan	Angela Ciagne (Secretary)	Ben Ganje	
Trustees	Chip Fuhrmann	Monique Maddox		

Welcome and Introductions

Father Kevin started the meeting with prayer. Parish Council Chair welcomed the 2020-2021 Council to the Zoom meeting, and everyone introduced themselves and their connection to OLG, including the new Council members, Ashley Biwan, Angela Ciagne, and Ben Ganje, who are starting three year terms.

Mission Speaker: Mission for Formation – OLG School

The first agenda item was an introduction and overview of the fall school opening plans by new OLG Principal Ginger Vance. Ms. Vance shared information about how the school is planning to address COVID-19 challenges this fall, including hiring additional resources for the teaching staff and utilizing various facility spaces as classrooms. She also shared that interest in OLG has increased this summer as many parents are considering schools that are planning in person learning. As of this meeting, enrollment was at 669 students. In response to questions from the Council, Ms. Vance described how the school was putting in place procedures for dealing with potential COVID-19 cases and how additional teaching resources will benefit and enhance the current teaching environment. Ms. Vance also said that Sacraments and Mass will continue to an important pillar in the school, with modifications as required to comply with COVID-19 distance and safety practices.

New business

Advancing our Mission (“AOM”) campaign

Jon Cassidy, Director of Development for OLG, gave the PPC an update on the AOM campaign. Jon stated that the AOM fundraising campaign currently stands at \$20.6 million, with a continued goal of \$25.0 million to complete the planned phases in the campaign. Jon outlined several matching fundraising campaigns that are currently underway. Father Kevin stated that the Priests are scheduled to move into the new Priest Residence this fall, and that OLG is encouraging parish families to write a note to place into a time capsule project that will be placed in the building as it is completed.

Proposed Mass Schedule

Father Kevin led the Parish Council in a discussion about plans to modify Mass Service times starting in September. Father said that OLG was considering holding two daily masses Monday through Friday (6:30am and 5:30pm) and changing the Sunday evening mass to an earlier time (i.e., 5:00pm or 5:30pm rather than 6:00pm). Discussion by the Council around the proposed time changes took place and Father said that the final schedule would be announced shortly.

PPC 2020-2021 Goals / Ministry Assignments

The Council discussed the PPC’s goals and objectives for the year, including increasing engagement with the parish and serving as ministry liaisons to OLG’s various missions. Each council member is assigned

to represent a ministry during their term. Sharri suggested that the Council members' assignments change during their three-year term so that Council members can gain a deeper understanding of more than one ministry during their term. The Council agreed to take this under consideration.

The PPC meets the second Tuesday of the month at OLG. The Council Chair is Doug Fulton and the Vice-Chair is Steve Schreiber. If you have ideas or issues that you would like to bring before the Council, you may reach out to Doug at 612-209-4208 or Steve at 507-276-6081 More information about the PPC, its members and its mission can be found on the OLG web site: <http://www.olgparish.org/parish-council/>.