

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CHURCH

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Minutes, November 11, 2020 – Virtual Meeting

I. ROLL CALL

Monsignor Gentili, Father Ianelli, Matt Gavinelli, Dominique Galloway, Lisa Martinez, Carol Kalouche, Juan Navia, Ray Lokay, Paola Cubides Herrera, Deacon Brady, Emily Clementi, Paul Crovo, Mike Broglie

Excused: Lisa Kopertowski, Leo Craig, Chip Puchino, Dan Drain

Recording Secretary: Teresa Fischer

II. OPENING PRAYER

Monsignor reflected on today's gospel from Luke 17:11-19. The gospel challenges us to have an attitude of gratitude. As soon as you begin to feel grateful for the blessings in your life, it will change your disposition. Monsignor asked the council to have this positive attitude, which is the OLG difference. Monsignor also asked the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) to pray for our newly elected officials and to be thankful for the great blessings of the United States of America. Council members prayed the Our Father.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS (September 23, 2020)

Matt Gavinelli asked for a motion to approve the September 23, 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

Going forward 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 Strategic Plan originated shortly after Monsignor arrived at OLG. The Archdiocese of Philadelphia (AOP) wanted all parishes to focus on seven areas (Liturgy/Worship, Welcoming, Evangelization, Education/Formation, Charity/Mission, Effectively Administered Parish and a Gifted Parish Living

Responsibly) that were developed by United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). OLG has accomplished so much since the year 2000. The expectation is that we will continue to provide the programs/services/staff in each of the areas and continue to develop new ways to evangelize and serve our parishioners. We are not removing items from the tracker, we are just prioritizing other initiatives. The Parish Finance Council (PFC) will review the last two areas of the Strategic Plan Tracker.

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

Juan and Matt will summarize the revised Strategic Plan Tracker. The PPC will then discuss who will take the lead in each area.

- V. **EVANGELIZATION SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES - Deacon Brady**
Currently, the clergy is offering a message series focused on the Final Four: Death, Redemption, Heaven and Purgatory. This series is going very well. A free webinar focused on marriage entitled “Achieving Resiliency in Marriage and Family” is being offered to all parishioners. The team is working on a few ideas for 2021 such as a digital prayer wall.

- VI. **CELEBRATING GROWTH MINISTRY FAIR UPDATE**
A modified ministry fair was held on October 24 and 25. Due to the pandemic, adjustments were made including hosting the event in the courtyard, including less ministries and providing individually-wrapped snacks. The fair was very well received and Emily Clementi commented that the parishioners who attended were very interested in becoming involved and that many new families picked up their welcome packets. Monsignor thanked the committee for their innovation and great use of the courtyard.

- VII. **LIVESTREAM UPDATE**
The livestream has been generally going well but there have been some technical glitches. We believe this is attributed to the livestream cameras and the security cameras being on the same network. Dan Kearns, our livestream engineer, is working with HPT to resolve the issues. The parish has been actively livestreaming Daily Mass, Sunday morning 8 a.m. Mass (multiple camera view) and special events such as a respect life talk and funerals. Upcoming livestream events include the Women’s Morning of Reflection, the OLG Feast Day and all Christmas Masses.

- VIII. **OTHER COMMITTEES/UPDATES or NEW BUSINESS**
The Parish Finance Council (PFC) is working on the Legacy Campaign and is now

in the second phase of fundraising. To date they have approximately \$1.2 million in pledges. The goal of the campaign is to reduce the parish debt. Also through refinancing the two parish loans, OLG is saving approximately \$100K per year in interest. The Stewardship Campaign Appeal is off to a good start.

There are several upcoming major expenditures. Among them are new lighting and extensive HVAC work at the Church. More information will be shared once we have been able to gather data and the PFC has discussed.

The Christmas Mass schedule will be the same as previous years. The Liturgy Committee will send out a Christmas Mass Survey via Flocknotes to gauge parishioners' plans for Christmas Mass (attending in person/online and preferred Mass). If necessary, the clergy will consider adding an additional Mass for Christmas. The committee discussed having the ushers seat people at Mass to maximize space.

IX. NEXT MEETING

Joint Meeting of the Parish Councils – December 9, 2020 - Virtual

X. CLOSING PRAYER

Monsignor asked the council to gather their prayers and intentions and to remember the souls of the faithful departed. The members were reminded to show gratitude for the many gifts the Lord has given them. Everyone prayed a Hail Mary.