

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CHURCH

PARISH PASTORAL AND FINANCE COUNCILS

June 1, 2022

MEETING REPORT

I. Roll Call

In Attendance: Monsignor Gentili, Deacon Brady, Tom Rakszawski, Michele Savage, Don Kraft, Paul Crovo, Ray Kolouche, Greg McGovern, Matt Gavinelli, Dominique Galloway, Mike Broglie, Leo Craig, Chip Puchino, Barbara Kieffer, Juan Navia, Ellen Roehm, Lisa Martinez, Joel Zazyczny, Will Conway, Bob Weikel, Lisa Kopertowski,

Absent: Dick Clark, Tim Conniff, Carol Kalouche, Ed Zapisek, Daniel Drain

II. Opening Prayer

Monsignor shared today's Gospel, John 17, 1-19
*I do not ask that you take them out of the world
but that you keep them from the Evil One.
They do not belong to the world
any more than I belong to the world.
Consecrate them in the truth.
Your word is truth.*

Jesus is our intercessor who helps and supports us in our difficulties and challenges but we need to cooperate with him.

The attendees discussed where we need to go as a parish. Technology will be a major part of our parish evangelization efforts as we move forward. Members discussed the benefits of livestream but also the importance of the Eucharist. Our Lady of Guadalupe continues to promote the Archdiocese of Philadelphia (AOP) campaign, *Nothing Compares to Being There*. Everyone prayed an Our Father.

III. Approval of December 1, 2021 Meeting Report

Council members approved the report and Teresa will post on the website.

IV. Fiscal Responsibility - Tom Rakszawski

Collections were down this past week at just \$22K. At 47 weeks into the fiscal year, the weekly collection average is \$31,481. This is .08 percent above last year.

The mini-Legacy Campaign, which has a goal of \$400K, has \$262K to date. The closing date for this campaign is June 30. The immediate goal is to use these funds to help pay off the \$1 million loan to the AOP.

V. Institutional Review (Robert Weikel)

Bob addressed three main points.

1) Back Parking Lot Lighting

OLG was not awarded the \$150K grant from the state of PA. OLG will reapply in January of 2023.

2) Rectory Roof

A storm recently damaged the rectory roof. Because the roof is 40 years old, the repair is not covered by insurance. This roof will be replaced in the next one to three years.

3) Ministry Budget Review

The team completed a full review of the 23 parish ministries in preparation for the 2022-23 ministry budget. The budget is \$140K, which is \$27K over this past year. Youth Ministry, Music Ministry and PREP account for the increase. In FY22, we spent \$3K under the budgeted amount of \$112K.

VI. Evangelization (Deacon Brady)

The parish received the initial results from the DMI (Disciple Maker Index) survey. We had 593 completed surveys (450 were completed during the DMI four years ago).

Most people that completed the survey were age 50 or older and female. We had very few people under age 50 complete the survey. We need to find a way to engage younger families. Not only do we want their feedback but also we need them to become more active in the parish as future leaders.

Most of our respondents, 71 percent, believe in the real presence of the Eucharist and 88 percent believe scripture is the word of God. The overwhelming majority of respondents would recommend OLG to others. In fact, close to 70 percent of those who took the survey have invited someone to Mass.

Deacon identified the following opportunities: help parishioners share their personal stories/witness, increase vocations and provide retreat opportunities. These are initial findings, Deacon will spend more time this summer analyzing the data and develop a report that can be shared with all parishioners.

Don Kraft shared analysis that he and his subcommittee worked on entitled "OLG Potential Outreach / Evangelization Audiences: Different Strokes for Different Strokes." The report is attached.

VII. Create a Culture that is Welcoming Based on Rebuilt Webinar from Nativity Parish, Timonium, MD (Monsignor)

Monsignor discussed these main six points that were the focus of a recent webinar.

1. *You have to own and personalize it as a value.*

Discussed this at meeting.

2. *Create a welcoming weekend culture.*

OLG has a very welcoming weekend culture.

3. *Challenge members to invest in family and friends and invite others to join us.*
Discussed at meeting.

4. *Online campus serves as a front door. Focus on digital presence.*
OLG has committed to this via our livestreaming, website, social media and weekly update emails.

5. *Identify the “quintessential” unchurched person “Buckingham Betty and Bob”.*
This was discussed through Don Kraft’s presentation.

6. *Create an “assimilation plan”. What is the plan we have?*
The parish has a plan to welcome new parishioners to the parish.

7. *Assess buildings? What is signage like, is there a welcome desk, and is it clean and beautiful?*
OLG makes it a priority to maintain the parish campus.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

The next ministry fair is being held June 25 and 26. Parishioners are encouraged to join a new ministry or start their own. Monsignor also asked council members to support the upcoming We Are One Family parish Mass and carnival

Pastoral council elections will be held at the end of June. Monsignor thanked all those that have served on the PPC whose term is ending.

VIII. Next Joint Meeting PFC and PPC
December 7, 2022

IX. Closing Prayer
Council members prayed for peace in our world, for all those who have passed away and for our parish leaders. Everyone prayed a Hail Mary.