

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CHURCH

PARISH PASTORAL AND FINANCE COUNCILS

June 7, 2023

MEETING REPORT

I. Roll Call

In Attendance: Monsignor Gentili, Deacon Brady, Tom Rakszawski, Dick Clark, Michele Savage, Don Kraft, Paul Crovo, Ray Kalouche, Matt Gavinelli, Dominique Galloway, Barbara Kieffer, Juan Navia, Lisa Martinez, Will Conway, Bob Weikel, Lisa Kopertowski, Ed Zupanac, Tony Martin, Bob Silberg, Karen Brody, Phil Junker, Laura Campbell, Ray Lokay, Ellen Roehm, Ed Zapisek, Leo Craig, Pete Hawley

Absent: Tim Conniff, Kim Hirsch, David Serrano, Joel Zazyczny, Carol Kalouche

II. Opening Prayer

Monsignor shared the gospel for this coming Sunday, the Feast of Corpus Christi, John 6:51-58. *Jesus said to the Jewish crowds "I am the living bread that came down from heave. If anyone eats this bread, he will live forever. The bread that I will give him is my flesh, which I give so that the world may live.*

This Gospel was written approximately 60 years after Jesus died. Although the Church was already celebrating Mass at this time, some people did not like the language of this Gospel and walked away. We are blessed as Catholics that we have the Eucharist. Monsignor asked the members of the parish councils to continue to promote our belief in the Real Presence in the Eucharist. Everyone prayed an Our Father.

III. Approval of December 7, 2022 Meeting Report

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

IV. Evangelization Initiative – Deacon Brady and Don Kraft

A. Eucharistic Revival

The Eucharistic Revival started about a year ago and it is a nationwide focus on the Eucharist. About 70 percent of the respondents to the recent Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey believe that the Eucharist is symbolic. At OLG, only about 30 percent of our parishioners responded in the same way. Although, our parish numbers are better than the overall DMI results, we want to provide support for parishioners to develop a greater sense and appreciate of the Real Presence in the Eucharist.

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia Eucharistic Revival is being held at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa on Saturday, September 30, 2023. Monsignor is encouraging all parish leaders to attend this event and to bring their spouses and fellow ministry members. In July 2024, the 10th National Eucharistic Congress will be held in Indianapolis, IN.

B. Disciple Maker Index (DMI)

ATTACHMENT: GROWING DISCIPLES PLAN 2023-2027, UPDATE JUNE 7, 2023

Don and Deacon discussed the attachment above and the steps OLG is taking for evangelization. Three key areas of OLG's evangelization plan are personal encounter, robust faith formation and missionary sending. At OLG we want to reinvigorate worship, emphasize the personal encounter with Jesus when we receive the Eucharist and provide robust faith formation.

One initiatives they are considering include: Tuesday Evening Adoration Night sponsored by a different ministry each month to encourage attendance and have parishioners share personal witness of attending adoration.

As we plan these events we need to meet people where they are. We have to make these encounters inviting and attractive to the approximately 3,000+ parishioners that don't regularly attend Mass. The team discussed offering faith formation opportunities for parishioners. Many have not received any Catholic formation since 8th grade.

A key part of the parish evangelization plan is missionary sending. Ideally, every ministry and event would weave this goal into all that they do. We need to encourage our parishioners and ministry members to invite people to Mass, a ministry meeting, a parish event or to participate in a parish service project.

The parish has recently completed a request to receive a grant to support a full-time Adult Faith Formation staff member. Monsignor thanked Don, Deacon, Matt Gavinelli and Dick Clark for their leadership and assured them of his continued support.

V. Ministry Budgets

Bob Weikel and his team conducted the annual ministry budget review. Three new ministries were added to the ministry budget – Serving Persons with Disabilities, Children's Liturgy of the Word and Lector Ministry. There was an increase of \$17K to the ministry budgets which brings the entire ministry budget to \$157K. Ministry increases were provided to PREP, Music, Face to Face, the Evangelization Team and Adult Faith Formation. The ministry budgets are funded by the Annual Stewardship Campaign Appeal.

VI. Comprehensive Campaign for Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary

Parishioners will be receiving a letter regarding the *Building Our Future: The Comprehensive Campaign for Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary*. The campaign's goal is to create an endowment for the seminary to ensure its future. The campaign has already raised over \$20 million in its silent phase and is hoping to raise an additional \$20 million for the endowment. Monsignor asked all council members to be generous and support the campaign to the extent they can.

VII. New Business/Questions

Karen Brody shared that approximately 75 percent of incoming eighth graders will be attending the new Confirmation Camp at OLG. Also, Karen worked with Tom to create an

incentive for PREP parents who use Parish Giving for their ongoing donations.

Lisa Kopertowski reported that the parish Youth Ministry is going very well and she works regularly with local parishes. Lisa is currently preparing for the Baccalaureate Mass, End of Year Picnic and the Steubenville Retreat.

VIII. Next Joint Meeting PFC and PPC
December 6, 2023

IX. Closing Prayer
Monsignor asked attendees to pray for those who are sick and suffering. Everyone prayed a Hail Mary.