

ST. EUGENE PASTORAL COUNCIL
2023 END OF YEAR SUMMARY

Our parish pastoral council ("Parish Council) serve as your representatives and advisors to Father Pat. In that role, we are voices on behalf of our parish community for the myriad of issues that arise and offer suggestions, provide support, and address concerns that come to our attention. We also seek spiritual and practical ways to enhance our parish life. Below is a summary of some of the highlights which the parish council accomplished this year on your behalf.

- Approved the creation of a new parish activity concerning small parishioners' dinner groups.
- Supported the purchase of the "Pink House" and the plan to use it as an Adoration Chapel.
- Council members conducted a comprehensive review of all listed parish ministries, which included identifying active and inactive ministries, as well as identifying updated contact information of ministry leaders.
- Requested and received a report from the Finance Committee Chairperson concerning the financial "health" of the parish.
- Responded to numerous requests to bring back coffee and donuts following some weekend Masses. Held a few events in 2023 and events will return in 2024.
- Recommended that the parish host a ministry fair in the Fall of 2023.
- Added additional number of parishioners to the parish council including representative(s) from the youth.
- Recommended the hiring of a Parish Life Minister position in response to numerous comments and suggestions from our parish Synod process.
- Supported the creation of a Safety and Security Committee to address safety concerns and update existing resources (medical, fire, lighting, etc.,)
- Recommended and presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Frank Dozier for his 40 years of service, including as Technology Minister.
- Initiated a return to monthly Mass for UNCA students and others which were held on the campus.
- In response to parish suggestions, placed a small book stand in the Narthex for parishioners to borrow and/or donate appropriate Christian-themed books.
- As part of a Eucharistic Renewal and Revival supported the Blessed Carlos Acutis Eucharistic Miracles display.
- Created a subcommittee to develop a plan for the renovation and beautification of the existing Sanctuary.
- Initiated a new discussion group which discusses post Vatican II contemporary issues.
- Is planning a 40-hours of consecutive Eucharistic Adoration from Ash Wednesday to Friday, February 16, 2024.

- Raised the issue of a return to both species (Body and Blood) at Communion. Return will occur sometime during Lent (possibly Holy Week).
- Re-establishing six Parish Commissions, consisting of parishioners and/or parish staff). which provides some oversight and support to those ministries falling within their scope of responsibility.

The items listed above encompass only a small fraction of the activities which the council discusses monthly. Hopefully they reflect the vibrant voices of our parish community and what an incredibly active, engaged parish we truly have. Your parish council says, "THANK YOU!"