

# Our Lady of Victory/Our Lady of Snow Minutes

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September 4, 2018 630 Our Lady of Victory Parish Office Conference Room

Meeting called by	Chris Russell (President)	Attendees
Type of meeting	Pastoral Council	Fr. Patterson, Chris Russell, David Benjamin, Chris Carroll, Julie Darling, Peter Ogno, Brian Lewis, Adrienne Villano, Mary Wootten, Maureen Cox, Sara Detmer, Chuck Ciaccia, Peter Ficalora, Sharon Ryan, Warren Dolan
Facilitator	Chris Russell	
Note taker	Adrienne Villano (Secretary)	
		Excused: Kimberly Loccisano Absent: Frank Lamiano Guests: Mary Eaton, Vici Armsby

## OPENING PRAYER – EVANGELIZATION PRAYER

Approve May Minutes – Maureen Cox & Peter Ogno

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**Agenda topic** - Overview of coming 2018-2019 year

- **Agenda topic Strategic Objective and Mission Statement**

### Discussion:

Not the Council's duty to create a mission statement for the whole parish.

Chris C. suggested an opportunity to publish an invitation in the weekly bulletin, to all parishioners, for suggestions on parish-wide mission statement. Email contact?

There should only be one mission statement for parish at large; not a separate mission statement for council, it's too confusing. The Parish Mission Statement should be a guide for the Parish Council.

New OLV/OLS Mission Statement should be a unified statement that is clear and concise

Suggested that the new book, 'Fruitful Discipleship', be mentioned to parishioners at Mass. The intent of the literature is to use knowledge and insight

Chris Russell mentioned the 2018-2019 Council Agenda he created is not set in stone. If more time is needed regarding any given topic than more time should be taken; It is better to be happy with results than rush and end up with poor results.

- **Agenda topic New Mission Statement Committee formed:**

Chris Carroll, Sharon Ryan, Julie Darling, Peter Ogno, Mary Eaton, Peter Ficalova

- **Agenda topic Eucharistic Congress (September 22, 2018 9am-3pm)**

Very important to gain a deeper, fuller, richer understanding of the Eucharist.

There will be speakers and activities such as confession

Bishop Ed is expecting all priests to attend. Priests will be renewing their vows to the church

There will be sign-up sheets after all masses this weekend. Father Patterson and Mary Eaton will go to OLS this weekend (Sunday Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>)

Deacon Brian will read announcement at OLV during 9:15 & 11:30 masses

Ride sharing is encouraged

- **Agenda topic Host for Haiti – update Vici Armsby**

Christmas in July raised approximately \$4,000

Change for Change raised approximately \$13,000

Sinat will be here for Host for Haiti – Cocktail hour at Siena Oct. 13th 6-8pm. Unlike previous years, this year will be a free offering instead of a set ticket price

Knights of Columbus agreed to coordinate a breakfast (10:30 – 11:45am) so the kids can attend, there will be a storyteller

- **Agenda topic Pastoral Council Book Group – update**

Group has started to read the next book, 'Fruitful Discipleship'

Believe reading this next book will be very useful to advise and suggest (discipleship)

Also get ideas for mission statement

- **Agenda topic Pastor's Report-Father Patterson**

Involvement of laity is essential, important to grow other disciples

We have to move forward, if standing still we are moving backward

Comment on scandal: When news broke, shocked, can't wrap mind around how it happened. Assumed had moved on – diocese will spare no effort to move forward

Preparing November gathering. Guidelines developing and to adhere to – need people

David Soars ready to help church respond

Church to violate trust is awful – any violation of trust is awful

Cardinal DeNardo forming committee composed of lay people and authority

St. Francis of Assisi 'Jesus uses awful things like this to purify the church'

Priests to renew vow to church at Eucharistic Congress

Don Lambert in hospital – heart stopped but was resuscitated. Will have rehab

With help of Tom Hardy the parking lot was repaired this past week

While choir loft was taken down in Parish Center there are additional areas needing construction

Air conditioning compressor on last leg

Rectory furnace to be replaced (hopefully before the winter). Has never been replaced in the 22 years Father Patterson has been at OLV

Update on RPI & cultural center? Nothing more said, no discussions yet – Fr Ed still there

- **Agenda topic Ear To Ground**

Vici – have new security measures on computers since email phishing. Should Pastoral Council email be filtered through Parish Office?

Also – the way ministries are listed on website is confusing and difficult to locate any particular ministry. Suggestion to return to alphabetical order

Discussion returned to email and filtering through Parish office – a good suggestion but may not be necessary

Eucharistic Adoration – October 18<sup>th</sup>. Will have schedule and mission statement

## **Meeting adjourned**

Closing prayer – Father Patterson

Next Meeting October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30pm