



# OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

## Pastoral Council

March 9, 2022

Members Present:

President Father Danny Cogut	Wendy Gilraine
Chair Al Scalera	Jeff Krajnik
Sec Susan Moore	
	Paul Wyar

1. Father opened the meeting with the Synod Prayer to the Holy Spirit.  
“We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.”
2. Minutes from the last meeting were approved. Al addressed the Pastoral Council’s leading of the Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 11th. Al had reviewed several presentations and selected the St Alphonsus Liguori Way of the Cross. We will have two readers, a cross carrier and a candle carrier.
3. Father briefed the council on the result of the Synod discussions facilitated by Deacon John Beach. Deacon Beach has provided Father a summary of the comments for each of the three questions the groups were asked to address. Father distributed the comments to each council member; comments will be posted to the website. We will keep the comments handy to continue to review and work on as the parish can. Comments will be provided to the Diocese in accordance with its direction.
4. OLD BUSINESS. Father quickly reviewed and updated several pending items:
  - a. We need lights in the lower part of the parking lot. With Easter services running later into the night, this will become a safety issue. Mike McGuire is looking into this improvement. We also anticipate repair to the solar lights in the parking lot.
  - b. The church completed the repairs to the heating system for the kitchen, hallway, restroom, and rear side of the office. The parish’s main heating unit for the commons and part of the church is expected to be about \$12,000-\$14,000; this may need to be replaced in the fall. We will continue to appeal to parishioners’ support to defray the costs of these larger repairs through their Capital Investment envelope contributions. The Knights of Columbus and the Women’s Club are partnering in the Lenten Fish Frys. Proceeds from any net income will be provided to the church for HVAC repair.

5. NEW BUSINESS. Father presented several items for Council consideration:

- a. Father informed the Council that the Bishop has hired a Director of Campus Ministries for Roanoke College. Stephanie Fowler has started her new position and we look forward to increased interactions between the parish and Roanoke College.
- b. Father briefed the Council on the budget process. We are running in the negative. Jan Dilling did receive the audit report from the Diocese. There are some findings to which the parish has two months to respond. Recognizing that people are our most precious resource, Father has asked the staff to review their job descriptions to ensure they are competitive with the HR charts from the Diocese and in-line with the salaries from those charts.
- c. It is time for the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Father stated that we will do this at Masses this weekend. Our parish will receive 25% of all funds donated up to our parish goal and 50% of all funds donated above our goal.
- d. Father reported that this June is the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the OLPH community. Several celebration suggestions were offered. It was decided that we would hold a parish picnic on Sunday June 26<sup>th</sup>. Wendy volunteered to lead this effort.

6. Father closed the meeting with a prayer. Our next meeting is Wednesday, Apr 13, 2022 at 7:15 pm in the Family Life Center.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Moore  
Secretary