

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish**  
**Pastoral Council Minutes**

**“Keep our eyes fixed on Jesus”**  
**(Hebrews 12:12)**

**Thursday, November 12, 2009**

**INTRODUCTION**

**Opening Prayer:** Todd Popson

**Roll Call:** Fr. Eric, Phil Cade, Carrie Everhart, Bob Kleehamer, Todd Popson and Tom Yost. Ken Schmidt also joined the Pastoral Council meeting

**Absent/Excused:** Mark Bliss, Ann Marie Camarata, Beth Duffy-Dries, Terry Horton, Peggy Osborne and Van Willis.

**Approval of Minutes:** The October minutes had not been submitted, therefore, they will be approved at the December meeting.

**COMMISSION/MINISTRY REVIEW**

**Faith Formation Commission:** Ken Schmidt, Chairman, gave a presentation on the Faith Formation Commission to the Pastoral Council. Ken provided a handout which outlined the structure, vision, committees/teams, recent accomplishments, future goals and challenges.

Ken outlined the following priorities in catechesis for OLPH:

1. Adult Catechesis
2. Evangelization
3. Pre-Sacramental Preparation
4. Small Ecclesial Groups
5. Catechesis of Children and Youth

Ken pointed out several recent accomplishments, and then discussed the following future goals:

- Continue to maintain and refine the communication between the Faith Formation Commission and its committees/teams.
- Evaluate various faith formation programs (parish mission, parish retreat, speakers) and strive to achieve a balance between them.
- Continue to provide feedback on the One Church One Faith program.

## OLD BUSINESS

**Capital Campaign – Master Plan Progress:** Fr. Eric passed around the most recent financial update as of October 31<sup>st</sup>. Our amount collected so far is \$880,094.24. Amount available for future projects is \$17,760.38. The final project in this process is the music area. There has been some additional money donated for use in the music area. Likely, after planning and the Diocese review process the music area will be renovated in the summer of 2010.

**Finance Report:** Bob Kleehamer gave the Financial Report. See attached report. Collections for the month of October were \$63,630.56 and Year To Date is \$294,767.70. Bob said this is slightly less than last year. However, collections for the first two weekends of November are much higher than the average to this point.

Fr. Eric noted that the new calculation of the Deanery Assessment has been instituted. The new assessment method is 11.5% of the previous year's income. Therefore, OLPH will pay approximately \$9,000 less in 2010 than the previous year. This Deanery Assessment helps cover expenses of Providence Sr.-Jr. High School, Hispanic Ministry, Aquinas Center and Youth Ministry.

Fr. Eric also pointed out that the Archdiocese experienced a savings in health insurance premiums and will pass that back to those participating by not collecting premiums in January 2010.

**New Commissions – Christian Service:** Phil Cade reported that the next meeting for this group would be November 17. The at-large members of the Commission will be Phil, Jeff Powell, Kathy Willis and Dale Winchel. Other members of the Commission will come from the various Committees in the area of Christian Service including Soup Kitchen, Ministry to the Sick, Health Ministry, Catholics in Action, Pro-Life Ministry, St. Vincent DePaul, Bereavement Team, Funeral Lunches and Resurrection Choir.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Stewardship:** Tom Yost thanked Phil & Pat Cade and Bob Kleehamer for their presentations on stewardship. Tom said he has received 228 intention cards back so far. The Archdiocesan Appeal looks like this:

<u>Qty</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Amount</u>
109	\$0	32	\$100-199	3	\$1000
14	\$1-24	23	\$200-399	1	\$2000
17	\$25-49	8	\$400-999	1	\$4000
20	\$50-99				

**Thanksgiving Feast (Fr. Paul Etienne):** Fr. Eric reported that there are already 400 confirmed to attend the Thanksgiving Feast which also celebrates Bishop-Elect Fr. Paul Etienne. Ten Deanery priests have confirmed they will be in attendance, and Fr. Paul will preside. The OLPH Parish will present two gifts after the Mass. The first is a crosier, an

ornate staff, which will be purchased with donations from parishioners. The second is the Bishop Etienne Scholarship. This scholarship will be given annually to one male and one female junior high student for the OLPH School. The criteria has not been defined, but it will be a character based scholarship.

Fr. Eric also said there are about 45-50 people confirmed that are going to Fr. Paul's installation ceremony in Cheyenne, WY on December 9, 2009.

**Next Meeting:** December 10, 2009

**Closing Prayer:** Todd Popson

Respectfully Submitted,

Todd Popson, Chairman