

**Mother of Perpetual Help Parish
Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes – Monday, November 4, 2024**

A meeting of the Mother of Perpetual Help Pastoral Council was held in the Notre Dame Room of the Parish Center on 106th Street on Monday, November 4, 2024.

Council members in attendance were: Fr. Matthew Perumpil, Pastor, Gary Jensen, Chairperson, Sharon Anderer, Karen Brah, Devan Gracyalny, Deb Morgan, Dave Shook, and Susan Scharmach, Secretary. Also in attendance were John Gomez and Debbie Peterson, Trustees.

Excused were Don Pederson and John Weber.

Also in attendance was Mary Maberry, Chairperson of the Parish Eucharistic Revival Committee.

1. The meeting was called to order by Gary Jensen at 6:00 PM.
2. The meeting opened with a prayer which was provided by John Weber and read by all.
3. "Walk With One" – Mary Maberry
 - Eucharistic Revival is still going on. This is the third year which is focused on Mission, encouraging us to Evangelize which does not mean for us to go door-to-door, it encourages us to "Walk With One"
 - Mary proceeded with a handout to encourage us to reach out to someone whose relationship with Jesus/Church has slipped
 - Try reaching out by inviting them to a Parish function instead of a discussion
 - U-Tube has videos available from the Pilgrimage and the Congress
 - Arise Family Adoration which was held at MPH on Friday, November 1st, provided a different way to experience adoration

At this time, Mary left the meeting.
4. Pastor's Report – Fr. Matthew
Fr. Matthew's Report as well as his PowerPoint presentation are attached
5. Council Process – Gary Jensen
 - Role of Liaisons – The main function of a Liaison is to share what is going on with each Ministry/Commission which improves communication
 - Instead of each Liaison providing an update at Council Meetings, going forward, each Liaison shall provide an update to the Council Secretary prior to the next Meeting; it is the responsibility of the Council Secretary to email each update to Council
 - New Council Member Process
 - Election vs. Discernment
 - Election provides parishioners the opportunity to nominate themselves and voting ballots are provided to Members with a photo and brief bio including why they would be a good Council candidate
 - Discernment provides parishioners the opportunity to nominate themselves, as in the election process; however, rather than being based on popularity, it is more prayerful in nature, focusing on the personal gifts each nominee has to offer; final decision-making is by a committee
 - Discussion and consensus January Meeting

6. Leadership Retreat Feedback – Gary Jensen

- Discussion points
 - Great facility
 - Starting with Mass provided sharing worship together
 - Socialization with others at our tables provided sharing of different directions
- Regarding MPH, each Council Member to Provide 3 positive aspects and 3 ideas/areas for growth
 - Positives
 - Fr. Matthew's leadership, his energy
 - Bringing the Sisters to MPH is creating prayerfulness
 - Creation of Inspiration Team
 - Creation of the Parish Engagement Committee
 - Dedication of Council
 - Maintenance progress without creating debt
 - Bringing Christmas Cookies, Communion and Prayers to the Homebound
 - Consider including a calendar and Parish directory
- Council to bring additional thoughts to January Meeting

7. Liaison Reports/Updates

- Finance – Gary Jensen
 - No Meeting
- School – Gary Jensen
 - No update
- Deanery – Gary Jensen
 - St. Matthias held a Town Hall Meeting
- Buildings & Grounds – John Gomez
 - New cushions have been installed at the East site
 - Architect is working on plans for a gathering space at the East site
 - Circular driveway and asphalt work will be done in spring at the East site
- Faith Formation – Devan Gracyalny
 - Currently we have 42 Sunday religious ed students, 3 OCIA
 - Confirmation will be held at St. John the Evangelist on May 29th
 - Monthly prayer theme for Sunday students implemented by Sr. Vita
 - Students and their families are being encouraged to interact with the various Ministries including 10:30 AM Mass, the Family Mass
 - New sub and volunteer teachers are doing well
 - Students making cards for Veterans Day
 - Breakfast with Jesus will be held on December 15th
- Liturgy – Karen Brah
 - Arise Adoration was successful
 - Archdiocese will hold a Meeting on November 14th regarding details for hosting the Korean Catholic Community
 - Next meeting December 11th
- Human Concerns – Dave Shook
 - No update
- Parish Engagement Committee – Deb Morgan
 - Next Pickleball November 9th
 - Tech Support event provided went well
 - Next meeting November 7th
- Inspiration Team – Fr. Matthew
 - Name Tag/Social Weekend held October 26/27 hosted by PEC was positively received

- Communications– Susan Scharmach
 - No update
- Parish Picnic – Gary Jensen
 - Expanding Band Contracts
 - Food to include Friday Fish Fry and Parish grilling of burgers, brats, etc.
 - Adding another large tent
 - More adult games and children's activities
 - Exploring the possibility of basket raffles and/or pull tabs

Meeting closed with a prayer from Fr. Matthew and an Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be said by all.

Devan Gracyalny will provide prayer for January meeting.

Thereafter the meeting adjourned at 8:48 PM

Next Meeting: Monday, January 6, 2025 at 6:00 PM
Notre Dame Room – Parish Center

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Scharmach

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Pastor's Report

Pastoral Council Meeting, November 4th, 2024

Let us Welcome and give thanks for our New Archbishop-Designate, Jeffrey Grob.
Video.

Presentation on Jubilee Year and Synodal Final Document

Thank you for the participation in the Leadership Retreat focusing on our Strengths and sharing our common mission for the Parish.

Thank you for the efforts and leadership you are providing to make our parish a Welcoming, hospitable and friendly faith community. New welcome cards are appreciated. We have around 20 cards filled and returned so far. Name tag Sunday, lots of positive feedback from people. Started the hospitality Weekend in October and was appreciated by those who attended. All the efforts of the Parish Engagement Committee is very much welcomed, the most recent being the tech training program for seniors. Inspiration Team meets regularly and engages with all the teams to guide everyone to use their time, talents, treasure and ministry of Prayer.

Arise Milwaukee led Adoration on first Friday was well appreciated. We could consider few more similar Adoration evenings in the year.

Ministry groups are very active in their respective areas. One of the reasons new members share why chose to join our parish is the diversity of ministries they could be engaged with, offered by the parish.

Faith Formation program was able to recruit one substitute teacher and another full time teacher to help with our religious education program. They are joining the ministry groups to catechize them about the meaning of ministries to others, especially the poor and vulnerable.

Senior Ministry program has identified more than 100 parishioners who are reaching out with the help of the growing number of "Ministers of Care". Recently we organized a training program for them with a resource person. St. Mary's, Hales Corner parish also joined us in this program. The project for seniors is doing well and growing. Our next partners meeting will be on November 13th. Planning for a special Thanksgiving celebration for seniors on November 26th, at St. Camillus.

Administration:

We had the Archdiocesan Finance Audit on September 30th and a preliminary report is sent to us to become compliant with Archdiocesan policies and norms. A final report will be provided to us after the meeting with Vicar of Clergy, pastor and finance director.

Our first quarter finances are looking good with positive trends in contributions from parishioners and a healthy cash flow. One of the projects for the church, the pew cushions for 106th site is completed, using the support from Love One Another campaign.

MPH Parish statistics: (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024)

Total Number of Catholics: 1417 (770 are 65 and older)

Number of Registered households: 890

Newly registered Families: 46

Baptisms: 24

First Communion: 21

Confirmations: 6+8

Anointing of the Sick: 70+700

Deaths: 40

Total Weekend average attendance: 625; Holyday: 250; Weekday 40.

Other Updates:

Official visit of the Vicar of the region on November 5th.

Thank you for your prayers, wishes and support as I completed 30 years of my priestly ministry on October 24th.

My Vacation and family time in Australia – Thank you.



The Meaning of the Logo

The logo of the Jubilee Year 2025, depicts humanity coming from the four corners of the Earth in the act of clinging to the Cross. The cross is in the shape of a sail, one of the signs of Christian Hope that carries with it the certainty of the victory of good over evil.

Pilgrims of Hope

The Holy Father has announced that 2025 will be a Jubilee Year, something which happens every 25 years. The theme for Jubilee 2025 is “Pilgrims of Hope,” and it will be a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of COVID-19 pandemic, and the climate crisis.

Prayer is the first strength of hope. You pray and hope grows, it moves forward. I would say that prayer opens the door to hope. There is hope but I open the door with my prayer»

In preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope', 2024 has been designated a Year of Prayer by Pope Francis.

- There is a particular focus on the *Our Father*, and this presents us with a great opportunity to go back to the basics of prayer:
- **Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.**
- If the Gospel is a message of Joy, then it is one we should be eager to share with others, and this can be done especially by inviting people to a deeper, prayerful encounter with Jesus Christ this year.
- Every Catholic to reflect on their life of prayer: **what they pray, how they pray, and why they pray.** This is for two reasons:
- *To encourage people to go deeper in their commitment to pray, and in their love of God; To think about how they might accompany someone else to pray during the coming Year of Prayer.*

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Final Document

26 October 2024

Summary in Five Parts

- **Part I - The Heart of Synodality:** Called by the Holy Spirit to Conversion
- **Part II - On the Boat, Together:** The Conversion of Relationships
- **Part III - Cast the Net:** The Conversion of Processes
- **Part IV - An Abundant Catch:** The Conversion of Bonds
- **Part V - “So I Send You”:** Forming a People for Missionary Discipleship