

**Our Lady of Sorrow Parish Pastoral Council**  
**January 4, 2017 Meeting Notes**  
**Co-Chairs: John Glancy and Fr. Vinnie**

**Attendees:**

**John Glancy, Fr. Vinnie, Lynn Jacobs, Edward Poole, Nigel Timothy, Teresa Coda, Lucie Graveline, Leo Bernotas, Deacon Frank Tremblay, Claire Ramsbottom, Kate Mason (notes)**

**Debrief on Christmas Season:**

**There was great attendance at all the Christmas Eve Masses and the 11 a.m. Christmas Day Mass. The music was wonderful at all the Masses with our new music minister, choir members; children's choir, full adult choir and the addition of several instruments.**

**Discussion on Meeting with RCAB Clergy Personnel Board November 29, 2016**

**John distributed notes captured by Teresa from the meeting on the question *"What are the groups that make up the parish? Are there any groups that need outreach?"* Among the suggestions listed in the notes, several topics were discussed:**

- **current services to the sick and homebound**
- **ways to engage the families of children and teenagers enrolled in religious education, e.g., connect parents together in open discussions on common issues; establish a social network to bring people together**

**It was suggested that the PPC review the list with an eye to prioritizing the topics and then focus on planning for outreach. This will be a topic for a future meeting.**

**Formation of a Welcoming Committee and Social Activities Commission**

**There has been discussion on forming a Welcoming & Social Activities Commission. While that is being organized, it was suggested that some social activities be initiated by staff, e.g. spaghetti suppers, to get the energy moving. Related to forming the Welcoming & Social Activity Committee, there is a new Time and Talent Survey almost ready to be rolled out to existing parishioners. This will help our Volunteer Coordinator to identify resources easily. The Time & Talent Questions are now part of the registration for new families to the parish.**

**Follow-up on Archdiocese Development Presentation to PPC & PFC December 2016**

**Lynn updated the PPC with a couple of charts sent from Christian Neilsen, Parish Development, on increasing giving to the parish. The PFC has the next step on any actions.**

**History on OLOS Lenten Mission**

**Teresa Coda asked for history on Lenten Missions at OLOS. Under Fr. Bullock's leadership, the Lenten Missions were focused on a theme and often ranged from 1-3 evenings during Lent. They were primarily coordinated by staff and Fr. Bullock. In 2010, as OLOS began preparing to be part of a collaborative with Walpole, a cross-parish team formed to coordinate the Lenten Missions each year until 2015. In 2016, OLOS was stand alone again and the mission became aligned to Faith Formation activities. It was used as a pre-Lenten activity to focus on discovering Mercy (as part of the year of Mercy).**

**For 2017, one idea suggested was to have Friday evening dinner and reflection during Lent. The staff will discuss next steps at their Sunday staff meeting, January 8.**

#### **Collaborative Update**

**Fr. Vinnie received a phone call from the archdiocese to let him know that now is the time to apply for the position of OLOS pastor. A decision is expected to be announced in mid February.**

#### **Commissions Updates**

- **Christian Services Commission is planning for the Souper Bowl collection on February 5th**
- **Liturgy Commission is recommending to move daily Mass to the Bullock Center to save heating costs in the church.**
- **Youth Commission has lots of activities underway for the next few months. Approximately 20 youth have been attending the meetings.**

#### **Fr. Bullock Lecture**

**John Maslanka has formed a team to plan for the Fr. Bullock Lecture. There is a bit of activity under way for this with the goal of having it in April around the time of Fr. Bullock's birthday.**

**Notes submitted by Kate Mason**