

OLV
Pastoral Council General Meeting
August 20, 2006

The Vice-Chairperson called the meeting to order at 2:35 pm.

Members Present: Fr. Steve O'Connor, President & Liturgy Advocate
Anna Garner, Vice-Chairperson
Scott Kight
Mary Ellen Mayer, Secretary
John Libby, Youth Representative

Members Absent: Dolores Osborne-Hensley, Chairperson
Rose Woodward, Vocations and Life Issues Advocate
Ken Ready, Fellowship Advocate
Greg Risch
Joseph Masterson
Dustin LeBoeuf, Youth Representative

Others Present: Bob Kopp
Herb Fosman
Gene Calabro
Alice McDonald

Anna Garner reported on the topics discussed at the Executive Meeting.

Old Business:

Church Renovation: While a time-table for moving out of the Church for renovation is unknown, Fr. Steve stated he hoped to move Mass to Crestview H.S. on October 1, 2006. The plans will, hopefully, be presented to the Crestview City Council at their September meeting. Their approval will allow for a permit, at which time construction may begin with a date to be set by the building contractor. Moving the Masses to the H.S. will not begin before construction breaks ground.

OLV has contracted, with the H.S., a period of one year for the use of their auditorium, for Mass, and the ROTC room for the nursery. This contract will expire September 30, 2007.

The H.S. will be paid \$50.00 per week to cover the cost of a maintenance person to open, clean and close the building. When the location of the Masses begins at the H.S., the 9:30 am Sunday Mass will be discontinued.

The Saturday Vigil Mass will be held in the Hall. The Hall will hold approximately 200 people.

Ash Wednesday and Holy Week Masses of 2007 will be held in OLV Hall. The H.S. will be used for the Easter Vigil Mass.

The location of where to hold celebration for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation is yet to be determined.

Fr. Steve was asked how the renovation will be paid for. At this time there is approximately \$700,000.00 in savings. The last estimate for construction was \$900,000.00. The cost is likely to exceed this amount. There are two ways to finance the difference. That would be a loan or a Capital Campaign. Gene Calabro stated some people have expressed an interest in pledging, as a memorial, for specific items. While acknowledged that this is a common practice, Fr. Steve hopes to raise the remainder without offering this as an option.

New Business:

A discussion was held regarding the possibility of hosting a Christmas Eve Social, at the H.S.

Religious Education: It is projected that within the next two years, OLV will need to expand the R.E. sessions.

Parish Pastoral Planning Committee: The Committee met on August 12 and will meet again next Tuesday. Herb Fosman named the five goals and a parishioner in charge of each goal. Patty Cramm will head Parish Communication Plan. John Stockman will head Development and Implementation of a Parishioner Welcoming Plan. Jane Brim will head the Adult R.E. Plan. Gene Calabro will head the Development and Implementation of Stewardship Continuity Plan. Dolores Osborne-Hensley will head the Enhance Community Relations Plan. An announcement will be made at the Masses the first weekend of September, requesting volunteers for these projects. Herb Fosman will present the ideas to the Council, following a report from each subcommittee head. There will be quarterly updates thereafter.

Five newly made signs for OLV will be put around the Crestview area. Four will be placed from each direction, close to entry into the city.

The next Executive Council meeting is scheduled for Sept. 24, beginning at 1:30 pm.
The next General Meeting of the Council will be on Sept. 24, beginning at 2:30 pm.

Fr. Steve offered the closing prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.