

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING 1-16-2025

Meeting was convened at 6:35 p.m. in the Rectory.

**Present** – Fr. Joe, Kathryn Moery, John Riordan, Matthew Lee-Own, Michael Griffin, Adam White, Luca Ripani, Al Ferolie, Mark Chapman.

**Opening Prayer** – John delivered the opening prayer.

Year of Jubilee began December 29, 2024 to December 28, 2025.

<https://pvm.archchicago.org/jubilee-2025>

St. Francis was his confirmation saint, and he was a big part of his prayer life growing up in grade school / high school.

Prayer for Peace – prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Kathryn shared that Fr. Doyle used to recite this prayer after the intercessions.

Al Ferolie – his middle name was named after the Saint. Al Francis Ferolie

Mark talked about the importance of the line “not so much seek to be understood as to understand.

**Review of December Minutes** – Minutes of the December 19, 2024 meeting were reviewed / adopted without correction.

**Book Discussion** – Discussion was opened into remaining chapters of *The Wounded Healer*

Fr. Joe –

- Surgeon general has declared an epidemic of loneliness in our country.

John –

- “Ministry is a sign of hope that makes visible the light of the coming Messiah”

Al-

- Liked that it was more person centered rather than just theological.
- The healer is wounded, but must also be a healer.

Mark-

- Be mindful of how we are interacting with parishioners
- There is this push/ desire to want to say you “understand” or have been through the same thing in order to show solidarity.

Michael

- Not actively listening to people, we often times just wait for our turn to talk

Fr. Joe –

- Some times we pull back from things that are difficult because we don't want to always confront these issues
- Don't want to be dismissive of things

Luca –

- Enjoyed the part about “the main point of the minister is to ensure people are not suffering for the wrong reasons”
- Having a community means having an environment where you can share solutions to problems that may be difficult.
- Suffering is inherent to growth

Want to use this book as a springboard to guide the rest of our year.

### **Announcements**

- Update on Generation-to-Generation Campaign (Fr. Joe):
  - o Sort of quiet at the moment but things are moving forward, this is rolling out in tiers.
  - o Fundraising org has done research of the parishioners
  - o Come up with a specific ask for a specific number of parishioners,
  - o 2-3 “Cornerstone” events where the program is being explained.
  - o Care for Archdiocesan priests
  - o Evangelization efforts
  - o Support for Parishes and Schools
  - o If we reach our goal, 50% comes back to Assumption Parish

- Parishioner at Holy Name who is interested in speaking to all the Parish Councils
  - o Supporting St. Mary of the Lake Seminary
  
- Invitations to the Parish Pizza Party: Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>
  
- New Book for next month: Thriving Faith by Fr. Mallon
  - o <https://www.amazon.com/Thriving-Faith-Discipleship-Uncertain-Times/dp/1593256086>

### **Old Business**

- Hallow App (John)- John contacted an email on Hallow on the website,
  - o Holy Name has partnered with Hallow, offering the premium content to all the parishioners for \$1 for a year
  - o John will reach out to see if we can get a Lent offer from Hallow
    - Promotional plan for Lent

Ken Ortega : Adult Faith Coordinator at Holy Name

- Mass Guide (Fr. Joe) - still searching for Mass guides
  
- We do have Welcome Packets for the Parish in the back of Church.
  
- Greeters Ministry (Kathryn)
  - o Ask PPC members to get onto the Schedule for when you know you will be at a certain mass

Contact Rosanna Murphy: [greeters@assumption-chgo.org](mailto:greeters@assumption-chgo.org)

Want to have 2 greeters, 1 inside and 1 outside  
5:00 pm (Sat) -

7:30 am – Diana

9:00 am – Frank, Sue, Matthew

10:30 am –

12:15 p.m

5:00 pm (Sun) -

### New Business

- Suggestion Box Update
  - o Seniors Group for Assumption Parish

### Suggestion Box Update

- Initiatives to Recommend to Father Joe
  1. What can we do in next 5 months?
  2. Banners for events at the Parish
  3. Better signage all around
    - a. Plaque that goes on the wall
  4. Divorced and Separating Catholics Support Group
  5. Social Media Presence
  6. Check in with all ministries
  7. **Leadership summit** (fr. Mallon lays this out) refer to the book
    - a. Check in with all PPC emails
    - b. Have all leaders of ministries come together and talk about what they need

Check PPC email address to make sure it works

### Use of Ad Hoc Committee

1. Communications / Website

2. Website hits (ask Ron Tevonian)

Draw up agenda for Leadership Summit:

Communications Sub Committee (Matt and Adam)

Leadership Summit Sub Committee – Matthew, John, Jola, Al and Luca

Closing Prayer – Fr. Joe delivered the closing prayer asking for god's help

### **Prayer for the Jubilee Year**

*Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.*

*May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.*

*May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.*

*Amen*

–Pope Francis