

**The Cathedral of Our Lady of Lourdes**  
**Pastoral Council Meeting**  
Tuesday, September 14, 2021

**Agenda**

- Opening Prayer Sister Sharon
- Welcome New Member Father Connall
- Constitution & Terms Father Connall
- Prenger Solutions Group Corwin Bryan
- Diocesan Synod Father Connall
- Pastoral Plan Mary Haugen
- Capital Campaign Father Connall
- St. Vincent de Paul Mary Haugen
- What Have You?
- Next Meeting
  - Tuesday October 19, 2021

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
May 25, 2021

Present:

Pastoral Council: Mary Haugen, Corwin Bryan, Karen Druffel and Debbie McWilliams (Altar Society), Tim Gray (Knights of Columbus) Laura Kolbe (by zoom, Mindy Muglia, Gary Kirkland,

Absent: Mike Brown, Paige Cutter, Tim Gray (K of C), Deacon John

Staff: Father Connall, Sister Sharon, Father Ratuiste, Sister Paschalina, Nicholas Magarelli, Andy O'Leary

**OPENING PRAYER:** Father Kyle

**Cataldo School:**

Cathedral has paid \$1,000 per student. In the past it came to \$14,000 . This past year it was \$12,000. Suggestion to Parish Council – just support schools where our children are enrolled. Must not see dollars following schools as any kind of punitive action, but just trying to be good stewards.

Schools are a part of the Catholic Ministry in the diocese. Need to look at Schools Ministry as a whole – that parishes without schools help contribute to the Ministry.

Cataldo school has 3 priests involved. One direction is to disaffiliate from Cataldo and support all the schools where our children attend. We will still give Cataldo \$12,000 next year, but there will be less children. Will have a Sponsorship relationship with the school until the Bishop makes any decisions on this matter.

Father Ratuiste was thanked for organizing the Cataldo Auction. The money went for a new roof.

We need to make Catholic Schools accessible to more Catholic students. It is scary to be a parent right now. We need to talk to parents who are dealing with hard issues. We need to love them and engage them and continue to be compassionate. Father Connell commented that as the “Dad” of the parish, he wants to support his families and children. How do we protect them from the culture – which we cannot always do but we can equip our children with teachings necessary to cope.

The principal of Cataldo school is Zach Cunningham. He will be invited to come to our Sept. or Oct. parish council meeting.

### **UPDATES – Fr. Connoll**

We are pleased with the progress on the towers as we were losing the integrity of the towers. Gary Liles of Custom Painting, Inc. donated his time.

The Finance Council is looking at the need to have a campaign – money for the Peregrine Shrine and for repairs to the windows in church (\$40,000 estimate).

The Corpus Christi Festival will be held this year as it will take place outside. Live-streaming will continue for the 9am Mass on Sunday.

Corwin suggested that a survey could be held about the Campaign, perhaps a volunteer could sign up for one Mass. Also, what kind of reconciliation is needed to reach out to those felt alienated because of Covid.

Dispensation from attending Mass because of Covid will be lifted on the Feast of Corpus Christi.

### **FORMAT FOR JUNE 20 TOWN HALL MEETING**

Would take place in the church in front of the Blessed Sacrament – hopefully this will unite us, a safe place to be, a healthy environment. Parishioners able to express themselves – can say anything they want but no arguing. They can express their fear and panics, and will know they will be heard. Suggested day, June 20, (Fathers' Day), would go from 12-1 pm, and be placed under the patronage of St. Joseph. **(This event was cancelled. Instead, Father Connell asked parishioners to e-mail him personally with any complaints, concerns, or how they managed during the Covid period.)**

**NEXT MEETING:** To be determined. Joint Parish Councils Barbecue to be held on Thursday, September 2, at 5:30pm.

## PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 13,, 2021

Present:

Pastoral Council: Mary Haugen, Corwin Bryan, Karen Druffel (Altar Society), Tim Gray (Knights of Columbus) Laura Kolbe (by zoom)

Absent: Mindy Muglia, Mike Brown, Gary Kirkland, Paige Cutter

Staff: Father Connall, Sister Sharon, Father Ratuiste, Sister Paschalina

### **OPENING PRAYER** – Led by Sister Sharon

### **Parish Updates**

COVID implications and the Bishop's current position

Much discussion ensued about how the Cathedral handled the period of complete shut-down trying to comply with guidelines from the health department and our Bishop. There were many risks and benefits but we tried to stress what was good for the Community. It was a benefit to be able to observe daily Mass on line. But Livestream is not the same as in-person attendance. When Phase 2 was reached – many motivated by fear did not come back. Masks were required but some did not wear them. Need personal outreach to people to welcome them back. Hopefully more will come back as more get vaccinated.

Father Darrin brought up the value of hosting a town-hall gathering of parishioners to hear their thoughts. It would be just a listening session to hear one another. Information would be shared and clarifications made so everyone would know what is going on. The town-all would be in-person and could be on zoom. It would take place in the Cathedral itself and be announced by way of Flock note - for Pentecost Sunday – May 23, at 12 noon. Coffee and donuts would be available. It would be advertised as “Cathedral Conversations – about COVID and Beyond. What have we learned and what are our hopes for the future? There will be a survey one-line for people who can't attend.

### **Cataldo Catholic School**

We pay Cataldo \$1,000 per student. But our students also attend the following schools: 21 at St. Charles, 12 at Cataldo, 1 at Trinity, 5 and Thomas More and 1 at John Vianney. Fr. Ratuiste is now the 'governor' at Cataldo. Questions have to be answered about change of financing.

### **Current financial status of the Cathedral**

We have been able to pay our bills. Giving has been on-line or deposited in locked receptacle in the church.

\$150,000 for boiler – paid for

\$150,000 for towers – paid for

\$80,000 needed for completion of shrine, security system, WIFI

On Easter, brought in \$15,000, compared to between 22,000 and 25,000 in 2019.

January – +30,000

February/March - -14,000

We have adjusted spending as needed. We will resume taking up collections on the Feast of Corpus Christi when Mass is obligatory again.

### **Bishop Daly's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (as a Bishop)**

Saturday – 4pm Mass on May 25

We did not complete all agenda items so there will be a meeting sometime in May.

**NEXT MEETING:** To be determined.

**Approved Revisions to  
The Cathedral of Our Lady of Lourdes  
Parish Pastoral Council Constitution**

**Approved October 15, 2020  
To be ratified at the next meeting**

**Article III**

“Section C: The Pastoral Council supports the work of the various parish committees by receiving semi-annual reports of their activities through the coordinator. These reports are generally given in October and February.”

- Follow up: Create a form to distribute to committees to help them
  - Proposed form to be accessible via parish website to submit online:  
<https://forms.gle/dpFtTwixAPe8v1KV9>
- Definition of committees: any parish ministry with parishioners as members and which has a specific mission or fulfills a specific role within parish life. This includes but is not limited to:
  - Altar Society; Knights of Columbus; Mom’s Group; Men’s Group; St. Peregrine; Notre Dame; Cataldo; Pro-Life Group; St. Bernadette Funeral Ministry; Docents; Rosary Makers; SpoCatholic; Catechesis of the Good Shepherd; Coffee & Donuts; Divorce Ministry; Sandwich Makers; Visiting the Homebound; Cathedral Music; Altar Servers; Lectors; Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion; Ushers

“Section E: The Parish Finance Council Chairperson presents an annual financial report to the Parish Council prior to August 30 each year.”

- Approved revision: “...to the Pastoral Council by November 1 of each year.”

**Article IV**

“Section B: The Council will consist of 8 members. The Cathedral’s pastoral staff and the president of the Altar Society & Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus are ex-officio members.”

- Approved revision: “The Council will consist of seven (7) members.”

Section C (3): “Having compiled a list of nominees, the Parish Council shall discuss the candidates and prayerfully select three persons whom it judges as best suited to serve on the council. This will be done through an individual ballot process.”

- Approved revision: “...prayerfully select no more than 3 persons for each open seat whom it judges...”

Section C (6): “Terms begin on July 1 and end on June 30 of each year.”

- Approved revision: “Terms ordinarily begin on July 1...”

Section D (2): “The Secretary of the Council takes minutes, distributes them to members, and facilitates the posting of them to the website.”

- Approved addition: “Minutes will be sent to all members via email within 7 days of the conclusion of the meeting. Once they have been reviewed by PPC members and approved by the pastor, the Secretary will provide a copy to the church office via email or hard copy for posting on the church website for review by all parish members.”

## **Article V**

Section A: “The Pastoral Council shall meet once a month (except for June and July) and at other times when called by the Rector.”

- Approved revision: “...once a month (except for June, July, and August) and at...”
- Approved addition: “Monthly meeting dates and times for the year will be decided on or before the first meeting of the year, which is ordinarily the third Tuesday of September. These dates will be posted on the parish website and published in the church bulletin on the Sunday prior to the meeting dates.”

The Cathedral of Our Lady of Lourdes  
Parish Pastoral Council  
**Membership**

<u>Member</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Conclusion</u>
Adrian Voermans	2 <sup>nd</sup>	June 30, 2020
Corwin Bryan	1 <sup>st</sup>	June 30, 2021
Mary Haugen	1 <sup>st</sup>	June 30, 2021
Laura Oliva	1 <sup>st</sup>	June 30, 2021
Mike Brown	1 <sup>st</sup>	June 30, 2021
Paige Cutter	1 <sup>st</sup>	June 30, 2021
Mindy Muglia	1 <sup>st</sup>	June 30, 2022
Gary Kirkland	1 <sup>st</sup>	June 30, 2022