

# *St. Adalbert/OLBS Parish*

## Notes/Minutes from our PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING Thursday, November 7, 2013

Our Pastor, Fr. Gary Chmura welcomed all; we began with Prayer, a PPC Blessing.

Father introduced Nancy McIntosh, Pastoral Associate at OLP, who will help with formation and short training for this new PPC group. Nancy filled in some of her background with PPC's.

All members introduced themselves around the table.

Nancy facilitated a few games to start us thinking. Some ideas addressed:

1. What is most important to me at St. Adalbert/OLSB?
2. What do I see as our best strengths here?
3. Where do we need most improvement in our parish? What is MOST important?
4. What are *my* best talents? How can I use these gifts in my capacity as a member of the Council?

After good discussion, and considering our Parish Mission Statement, among us we came up with these possible goals for our parish:

### SUGGESTED SHORT TERM GOALS

1. Increase number of parishioners
2. Heighten our awareness in the community
3. Create ways for interaction between parish and school
4. Encourage teachers and students to attend Mass on Sundays
5. Learn and do grant-writing to help our financial status
6. Have fund-raising events

### SUGGESTED LONG-TERM GOALS

1. Double the numbers in our parish family
2. Start Evangelization within ourselves and in parish groups
3. Initiate teaching programs to help better people, and tailored to the needs of our parish community
4. Develop outreach programs: Fairfax Council; Health Fairs

*Ed. Notes:* Three or four goals, including long- and short-term, should be maximum for us to choose for now, to do them each *well*.

Once we have goals, we want to address How to Implement each Goal.

Before discernment of new leadership, Nancy handed around a paper with "job descriptions" for officers and explained a few details of how this works, and what are the responsibilities of those not in leadership as well.

Results of discernment of new Officers for our Pastoral Council:

Chairperson: Irene Morrison

Vice-Chairperson: Mike Stitts

Executive Secretary: Phillis Clipps

*Congratulations to each of you and our prayers for the year ahead!*

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Thursday, November 7, 2013 (continued):

### Other Decisions tonight:

- \* Meetings will be held on the first Thursday of each month, from 6:30 until 8:00 PM (1 and ½ hours and no longer)
- \* Term of membership will be 2 years. (??)
- \* Terms of officers will be 2 years.
- \* Next meeting will be held here in Harris Hall on Thursday, DEC. 5, 2013.
- \* Members will take turns with Opening and Closing Prayers. Phillis will take Minutes each month, once Nancy has finished here.
- \* Nancy will come to next two meetings (Dec. 2013 and Jan. 2014), for short training periods on those evenings. Starting February, she will “bow out.”

Fr. Gary's Closing Remarks included info regarding Fr. Damian's graduation in June and the possibility of another priest coming from Tanzania; also the possibility of having a new order or sisters at St. Adalbert School. All are just as noted, “possibles”; we will hear further from Father Gary.

We closed our meeting with an evening prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*Nancy*

Nancy McIntosh