

**Saint Joseph the Workman Cathedral  
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting  
August 10, 2022  
Minutes**

Msgr. Gilles opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m. with a summary of the martyrdom of St. Lawrence and a prayer.

Attendance was noted with Msgr. Gilles, Betty Tauscher, Chuck Whalen, Luke Zoroufy, Olivia Knapik, Mike Knapik, Nancy Rose, Nick Harding, Lauren Harding, Carol Ballas, Deacon Tom Skemp, Tammy Becker, and Lynne Ostervich present.

Joseph Nduka, Pat Weinberger, Mari Erickson, and Sandy Perpich were excused.

Jim Savoldelli was absent.

The minutes from the April 6, 2022 meeting were approved as stands.  
The minutes from the June 8, 2022 meeting were approved as stands.

**Old Business:**

**Natural Family Promotion by Ruby Gravrok**

The promotion was held on July 24 at noon. Fourteen people were in attendance and Msgr. Gilles was satisfied with the turn out. This program is also a required Marriage Prep course. Msgr. thanked the Family Life Committee and Ruby for the presentation. Ruby is also working on the Diocesan Level to promote this program.

**Opening of the Church; Security Concerns**

The doors to the north plaza are now open. Msgr. has received positive responses to the fact that the parish has addressed security issues at Cathedral. Olivia brought up that some of the 6:30 a.m. Mass attendees are concerned about security for that Mass since there are no ushers and the north doors are not locked during Mass. However, Nathanael does sit in the back of the church and is alert to anything that might need to be dealt with. Msgr. Gilles stated that as a Beacon of Light and Hope Cathedral should stay open later than 2:00 p.m. In the past the doors were open until 5:00 p.m. Msgr. mentioned keeping the doors unlocked but not changing the advertised lock up time of 2:00 p.m. We need to have someone do a clean sweep if we go to a later lock up time. Nathanael is not here at 5:00 p.m.

**Walking guide for Visitors**

Msgr. Gilles is working on a new visitors guide for Cathedral with Becket Ghioto, Director of Communications at the Shrine with input from Jean McDonnell. The Guide will be a glossy finish with beautiful pictures printed on card stock. He hopes to have this soon.

### **Beacon of Light and Hope Celebration**

Msgr. Gilles reported that the six committees formed for this project are all on track. A Diocesan-wide invitation was mailed out to all who donated. Banners are up in the parking lot and look great. Discussion was held on the choice of date being September 11. This date was chosen because it is the anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone in the Cathedral. Therefore, it is an appropriate date.

### **Rebuilding the Council's Standing Committees**

Msgr. Gilles reported that the Family Life Committee has advanced. Msgr. also asked that Deacon Skemp look into who would serve well on the Social Justice Committee.

### **Update on Position of the Pastoral Mission Associate**

Msgr. Gilles is interviewing a candidate who put his name in for the position. The interview is August 18. A second candidate is also interested. There is movement!

Discussion moved on to the city-wide Youth Faith Formation Program. All six parishes in the La Crosse Area are in the Cooperative Program now. 50% of the expenses will be divided six ways by the parishes. 50% will be divided according to the number of students from each individual parish.

### **New Business:**

#### **Newly Commissioned Coat of Arms**

Msgr. Gilles is commissioning a new coat of arms which will be for St. Joseph the Workman Parish. Luke pointed out that there are already two Crests connected with the Cathedral. One is the Bishop's Coat of Arms and the second is the Diocesan Coat of Arms. Msgr. explained that these are not a parish coat of arms and that St. Joseph is not one dimensional. This will be more of a parish crest or a logo. The idea is that it could be used for branding, for letterhead, and will be specific to St. Joseph the Workman Parish.

#### **Church Bulletins**

Msgr. Gilles explained that there will be a change in the distribution of the weekly bulletins. People have sometimes been distracted by reading the bulletin during the celebration of the Mass or during the homily. The bulletins will no longer be available before Mass and will be handed out by the ushers after Masses.

#### **Mass Transit YouTube Video of Cathedral**

Msgr. Gilles is working with Gordon Crow on filming two 20 minute videos for facebook and our website. The interviews will be completed by the end of August.

#### **Newly Commissioned Prayer Cards**

Msgr. Gilles found a unique prayer to St. Joseph and is working on a new prayer card with David Bates. 500 prayer cards will be printed with a picture of our St. Joseph on them and hopefully will be ready soon.

#### **Exterior Lighting Reveal on September 10**

Our new lighting of the exterior of the Cathedral will be ready to be revealed on Saturday, September 10. Msgr. is planning an appropriate show of thanks for those who contributed to this project of dusk to dawn lighting. A special thanks goes out to Mary Hovel, Karol Smith and Pieper Power.

### **Summer Organ Recitals**

Discussion was held on the summer recitals and whether or not they are well attended. It was suggested that maybe fall or winter would be a better time since people tend to like outdoor activities more during the summer months.

### **Location of Funeral Visitations; Entrance into Cathedral Logistics**

Discussion was held as to the proper location for visitation prior to a funeral. Should this take place in the nave of the church or in the new addition? The decision was made to hold visitations in the west addition. At the end of the visitation, before the Funeral Mass, the casket will be closed and moved to the back of the church. At the beginning of the Funeral Mass the family and pall bearers will accompany the casket up the aisle.

### **Documenting Current History of the Cathedral Parish**

Is history being recorded as it unfolds? Mike Knapik has volunteered to record our history in written form.

### **Pedestals for Mary and Joseph**

Tom Dolle has agreed to design and build new pedestals for the statues of Our Blessed Mother and St. Joseph located in the Holy Family chapel.

### **Updating the Website**

Msgr. Gilles and Zach Tudahl reviewed the Cathedral website and will be bringing all information up to date.

### **Status of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Program**

This program will be leaving Cathedral and relocating at St. Patrick's Church in Onalaska. Related to this, discussion was held on the pros and cons of having a catechism program for children during the homily at the weekend Masses. No recommendation was reached.

## **Reports:**

### **Team Renewal**

Msgr. Gilles summarized that Team Renewal has been working on several projects. The Beacon of Light and Hope Celebration which includes a Basket Raffle, Light Pole Banners, Mass Transit video with Gordon Crow, and a Thank you event for the Big Reveal of our outside lighting on Sept. 10, besides planning Sunday's activities. Also, Team Renewal is taking up the Coat of Arms, Parish Mission Associate Position, Promotion of Enthronement of Homes to the Sacred Heart, Staff Appreciation, and Self-Guided Tour Material and Follow up to who volunteers for what.

## **Finance Council**

Tammy Becker reported that Trust Point discussed the status of the Endowment at their last meeting. They covered the topics of how an endowment is to be used as well as discussion on loss in the stock market. Trust Point also stated that they cannot guarantee that no inappropriate Mutual Funds are not invested in.

The Finance Council is considering Msgr's thought to enhance both in size and beauty the north part of the parking lot.

A two page Fiscal Year End Report will be coming out as a bulletin insert soon.

The Inspired By The Spirit Campaign will be coming up. The goal for Cathedral is \$475,000. \$309,000 of that amount will come back to Cathedral. The Diocese will keep \$166,000. Our Diocesan Appeal assessment will be taken out of the \$166,000 for this year.

## **PCCW**

The last meeting was held in April of this year. On April 9th, we organized a deep cleaning of the Cathedral and lunch was served afterwards. We had our Chicken Q on April 28th and 312 dinners were sold. Our Spring Fling was held in Late June at the Pettibone Boat Club. Our next meeting will be Sept. 14th at 4:00 p.m. in the Undercroft.

## **Family Life**

The last meeting of Family Life was held on June 29. The meeting focused on planning an informational talk by Ruby Gravrok on July 24 during National NFP Awareness Week.

The Family Life Committee will continue to seek to foster Christian family life at Cathedral Parish in all if its forms: youth, single adults, pre-marriage preparation, families, marriage enrichment, widows/widowers, and grief ministry by

1. Recognizing needs (connect with pastor, listen to parishioners, etc)
2. Invite others to Family Life Committee
3. Meet, brainstorm, plan and carry out initiatives in needed areas.

Our next meeting will be **October 12, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.**

The meeting was closed at 7:00 p.m. by Msgr. Gilles with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lynne Ostervich