

Notre Dame Parish
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2025
6:00pm (via zoom)

Present: Fr. Vener, Colleen Richard, Kevin Blocka, Donna Blocka, JC Zozobrado, Jibin Jacko

Absent: Carol Handfield

Non-Voting: Recording Secretary – Yvonne Becotte
Finance – Pauline Gerwien

1. Opening Prayer - led by Fr. Vener

2. Approval of the Agenda. Motioned by Fr. Vener., seconded by Kevin B. Carried.

3. Approval of the Minutes of June 3, 2025, Motioned by Colleen R, seconded by Jibin J. Carried.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

- Catechetical program for 1st Reconciliation/1st Communion will start Oct 1
- Confirmation program will start Nov 5
- Ministry Sign Up Sheets were set up weekend of September 6/7 and September 13/14
- Liturgy Workshop will be September 19 @ 7:00pm
- Ministry Appreciation Supper will be September 26 @ 5:30pm

5. Reports:

a. CWL – Pauline Gerwien

- Pauline and Carol will be attending the Mid Term meeting on September 19/20
- 1st meeting of the year was held on Tuesday, September 2
- encouraging all our members to write their MP about the charitable status and to do this by September 15

b. KC – Kevin Blocka

- 1st meeting of the year was held on Tuesday, September 2 with the election of officers
- Gregg A. is now the district deputy knight and Kevin is Grand Knight of local council
- encourage members to attend Life Chain @ 2:00pm at Traffic Circle on October 5

- hoping to have pancake breakfast on November 2 and December 14. Have not confirmed these two dates with the school yet
- The KC online charity appeal tickets are now all online. We are hoping to get a way to tap for payment and hope to sell after Mass in the lobby. A portion of the money comes back to our local council.
- discussion about joining with Rotary Program about wheelchair program

c. School Liaison – Colleen Richard

- 205 students enrolled
- Afterschool care has 10 to 16 student daily
- Preschool has 34 students, mornings are full and 16 spots open in afternoon
- Meet the teacher was Wednesday September 3 after school with a higher turnout being after school and having a popsicle treat
- Ministry external visit to the school on October 9 and 10
- Adding a new faith activity called Praise one Friday each month – students will learn mass and prayer songs
- September 14 – Commissioning of School Staff

d. Community Life – Fr. Vener

- we have 21 candidates for 1st Reconciliation/1st Communion
- 24 candidates for Confirmation
- 4 candidates for OCIA (RCIA)
- Faith Study Program (DVDs - “Priest, Prophet, King” by Bishop Baron) will be held on 3rd Thursdays of each month starting September 18 @ 7:00pm

e. Finance – Pauline Gerwien

- report attached

f. Filipino Rep – JC Zozobrado

- having a fund raising for Dave Macam at GDI on September 20 starting at 4:00pm

g. Indian Rep – Jibin Jacko

- Syrian Jacobite Members would like to use the church for masses on Fridays – approximately 35 people. The priest will write an official letter to Fr. Vener so that Fr. can take it to the Bishop to get permission to let them use the church.

6. New Business

a. Designated Jubilees in the Parish

- Sept 26-28 Jubilee of Catechists – we have 8 catechists including the school
- Oct 4-5 Jubilee of Migrants – On the 5th Fr. will include Malibar and Filipino
- Oct 9-22 Jubilee of Marian Spirituality

(Pilgrimage to Marian Shrines of Portugal, France and Spain)

- Oct 31-Nov 2 Jubilee of the World of Education

- Nov 22-23 Jubilee of Choirs

b. Commissioning of Liturgical Ministries

- Weekend of November 15 and 16

7. Meetings for 2025 – 2026 at 6:00pm via zoom:

- November 11, 2025

- January 13, 2026

- March 10, 2026

- May 12, 2026

8. Meeting Adjourned at 6:30pm

9. Closing Prayer led by Fr. Vener