

## **Blessed Sacrament Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes**

Date: October 9, 2025

**Time**: 6:30 PM

**Location**: Blessed Sacrament Parish

**Present**: Bill Colson (President), Mary Ireland, Pat Moran, Ashley Bradsky-Hunsaker, Dave Raml, Emily Herrera, Wendy Honeycutt, David DiMaria (Visiting), Evan Ireland

(Recording Secretary)

Absent: Fr. Tim Hoag, Ian Kopriva

Recording Secretary: Evan Ireland, Parish HR & Communications Director

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM.

**Opening Prayer:** Bill Colson, President, led the council in prayer.

**Approval of September Meeting Minutes:** Bill Colson requested approval of the September meeting minutes. Dave Raml moved to approve, and Mary Ireland seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by present members.

PLT Discussion Regarding Ministries/Groups: The council discussed identifying parishioners and groups that embody SOIL (Sacrificial, Open, Investing, Loving) values. Identified individuals and groups include: Dave Raml's Men's Cor ad Cor members (Sacrificial, Invested, Openness); Pat Moran's Together in Holiness members (Sacrificial, Invested, Open); Dorothy Johnson (identified by Mary Ireland); a female parishioner aiding a newly widowed member (identified by Emily Herrera); Men's Cursillo (identified by Bill Colson); Alison Carpenter (Sacrificial, identified by Wendy Honeycutt); the Moran and Wospeka families for starting Together in Holiness (identified by Ashley Bradsky-Hunsaker); Rick Hill from the staff (identified by Evan Ireland); and Catholic Social Services (identified by Dave Raml). Emily Herrera suggested providing Together in Holiness invitations at Baptism ceremonies.

The Parish Leadership Team (PLT) identified the current Parish rally cry (strategic objective) as "No One Falls Through the Cracks" and discussed becoming a more welcoming parish. Four objectives were outlined for Pastoral Council discussion in upcoming meetings:

1. Developing staff and volunteers to be more welcoming and connected to parishioners (including app/website usage, pancake breakfasts for photos and

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app familiarization, and enhancing Parish Council connections).

- 2. Recruit and training Hospitality Ministers to improve the "Sunday Experience."
- 3. Engaging new parishioners and connecting them to others (revitalizing the Welcoming Committee, encouraging registration, app usage, website navigation, group connections, and routine follow-ups at 30/60/90 days).
- 4. Supporting parishioners in times of need (e.g., sickness, rides to Mass, death in the family, widow's group, with roadmaps to onboard into appropriate groups).

**PCC Update:** The council discussed the Placing Christ at the Center (PCC) Campaign, which has raised \$4.8 million in pledges; follow-up will be handled by staff and a select committee. Next steps include a Qualified Team (parishioners with construction and contracting expertise) and contractors fine-tuning the scope of work. Feedback from the council on project details included focusing on the church interior (e.g., expanding the choir loft for a crying room) rather than joining front entrances; including an elevator (questioned by Ashley Bradsky-Hunsaker); prioritizing a cry room (suggested by Pat Moran); and deferring to the Qualified Team for direction (noted by Dave Raml). General consensus supported adding a cry room.

**Finance Committee Update:** The bulletin includes last year's financials. The Finance Council will hold a budget presentation for the current fiscal year the weekend of October 18-19.

Two Vacant Positions on the Council: The council discussed filling two vacant positions. Emily Herrera invited the Kjerstad family, who inquired about splitting the role between husband and wife. Dave Raml noted that by-laws do not allow this, suggesting one voting member with the other attending non-voting. Changing by-laws would be difficult, and concerns were raised about non-members in confidential discussions. Bill Colson suggested Liz Murphy as a candidate. Members were encouraged to consider additional invitees. Evan Ireland will add a Parish Council online application form and update the website to include both manual and online submission options.

**New Business:** The staff is discussing the need for a parish directory.

Closing: Mary Ireland closed the meeting with prayer.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM on Thursday, October 9, 2025.