

Cathedral of Saint Michael the Archangel
Pastoral Council Meeting

RECTORY
Monday, May 12, 2025
6:00 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting

Members: Carlos Marrero; Damaris Roig; Dorinda Poitier; Kenneth Welch;
Sharon Harris; Marion Johnson; Virginia Padilla

Ex-Officio: Very Reverend Gary M. Dailey; Deacon Angel Pérez; Deacon Jose Rivera;
Dolly Garzon; Lynn Dubreuil; Wanda Castellano

Members Natalia Calderon
Absent:

Ex-Officio Fr. Yerick Mendez; Fr. Sinh Trinh;
Absent:

Call to Order / Opening Prayer

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with a prayer led by Fr. Dailey.

Acceptance of Minutes of the Meeting of March 10, 2025

Knights of the Cathedral Altar / Youth Altar Servers

The Knights of the Cathedral will be between the ages of 18 and 30. They will primarily serve in various liturgies with the Bishop. There may be 15 in the group at this time. We should find out if students from our Religious Education program would like to serve. We are recruiting new altar servers.

Religious Education

As of this meeting there are two (2) more classes to go in the current academic year. There are ten (10) students who will receive their first Communion on May 31st. The students are preparing for Confession. There are six (6) students from St. Michael's Cathedral to receive the Sacrament of Confirmed on June 6th, Pentecost Sunday.

Latino Ministry

There were six (6) adults who received the Sacrament of Confirmation during the Easter Vigil Mass from the Spanish RCIA class that Dolly teaches.

Black Catholic Apostolate

The Annual Juneteenth Event will be held on Sunday, June 22nd after the 8:30 a.m. Mass.
The Annual Pig Roast event will be held on Saturday, June 28th from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Both events take place in the Bishop Marshall Center.

Take & Eat Ministry

Ariana Gonzalez is joining the group. Take & Eat currently serves 65.

Safety & Security Committee Meeting

The Safety and Security Committee met at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, May 12th. No report was readily available prior to the Pastoral Council meeting.

Old Business

Apparel

Fr. Gary met with Rob Carmichael. Rob has a brand, his own line of clothing. He agreed to assist the parish.

Census

The second Census Survey will be mailed out this week. There are about 300 households that have not responded. We are serious about getting the census. If you are on the council, please make sure to complete the survey.

Jubilee year

The Women's Night Mass will be held at 7:00 p.m. the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, Tuesday, May 13th. Bishop Byrne will celebrate the Mass. Dr. Lu is the guest speaker.

Corpus Christi Procession

Everyone from the Cathedral parish is invited to join in the Corpus Christi Procession immediately following the 11:45 a.m. Mass on Sunday, June 22nd. We will process down the sidewalk on State Street, Chestnut Street, Edwards Street, and Elliot Street.

The Cathedral Organ

The project is moving along. There is a formal contract in the hands of the diocesan lawyers to ensure accuracy. It is a \$385,000.00 project. The downstairs console will be removed, and the pipes that are located upstairs will be revamped. The organ will celebrate 100 years in 2029. The work will start by the end of this year and it will take about 1 ½ half years to complete the project. The various levels of the choir loft will be included in the repairs. It will be leveled for safety. The Spanish choir is now located upstairs. They are happy. We can assign an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist to go upstairs to give them communion; Four (4) hosts are needed. Dolly will speak with them for specifics on their preference.

New Business

Parish Food Pantry

There is a concern about the safety of Paul Evans and people receiving food from the parish pantry going up and down the winding stairs to the second floor of the cathedral. Storage shelving will be purchased for new location which is next to the Bishop Marshall Center. The storage closet is presently a mess. We need to find places for Take & Eat, Religious Ed, and St. Peter Claver. The closet in the kitchen area is also a mess as well because people do not return items to their proper locations after they use them. It cannot go in the crypt. It would involve the same scenario of going up and down stairs which can be dangerous. All stuff needs to be taken out and placed back in an orderly fashion. The goal is to find a solution. The storage closet is the only place and perfect place for the food pantry. The challenge is finding another location for the

belongings of other groups. Can some of those items be combined and shared with others? A lot of people provide and donate to the coffee hour group. If we get cabinets they would be locked cabinets. A suggestion was made to remove the old kitchen cabinets and remodel with new ones. Take non-functional things out and redesign the area to make it work.

Pastoral Council Terms

There are three (3) terms ending this month: Dorinda Poitier, Sharon Harris, and Damaris Perez. There are two (2) persons who will serve as replacements on the board. We are trying to involve younger people on the board.

Sharon, Dorinda, and Damaris were thanked for their dedication and service to the Pastoral Council. They may return to the council in the future. It was noted that Marion Johnson also represents the Knights and Ladies of St. Peter Claver on the council. Dorinda has been on the council for six (6) years, and was involved with the Our Lady of Guadalupe pilgrimage and represented the Latino congregation.

Parish Picnic

The parish will have a picnic like the ones it used to have many years ago. All members of the parish will be invited. This is an opportunity community-building among the parishioners. We will have a bilingual mass at 10:00 a.m. All Sunday morning Masses will be combined into one Mass. The picnic will take place after the Mass on August 3rd. We will need tents. There will be a raffle with a big-ticket item, all kinds of foods, and DJ music. Picnic Planning Committee Members are as follows: Lynn Dubreuil; Deacon Joe; Deacon Angel; Virginia Padilla; Kenneth Welch; and Marion Johnson. A picnic planning meeting with pizza will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 2nd at the rectory.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Pastoral Council will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, September 8 in the Rectory.

Adjournment/Closing Prayer

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m. with a prayer led by Fr. Dailey.