

Cathedral of Saint Michael the Archangel
Pastoral Council Meeting
RECTORY
Monday, November 10, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting

Present: Virginia Padilla; Marion Johnson; Mary Ann Arnold;
Nachaly Moreira; Carlos Marrero; Kenneth Welch

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

Absent: Timothy Pepler; Mary Somers; Natalia Calderon; Deacon Joe Rivera;
Fr. Yerick Mendez; Fr. Sinh Trinh

Call to Order / Opening Prayer

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. with a prayer led by Fr. Dailey.

Acceptance of Minutes of October 6, 2025

Virginia moved to accept the minutes with one (1) amendment, seconded by Ken.

[Amendment to the Minutes]

Latino Ministry: The minutes stated that “There is one (1) person preparing for baptism in Dolly’s RCIA class”, but there are two (2) persons preparing for baptism.

All in favor.

Review: Upcoming of Cathedral Activities/Liturgies

- Saturday, November 15th – 5:00 p.m. – Our Lady of Providence Dinner in the BMC
- Sunday November 16 at 10:00 a.m. – K of C Pro- Life Mass – Bishop Byrne
- Saturday, November 22nd at 4:00 p.m. - Purple Mass – Bishop Byrne
- Sunday, November 23rd at 2:00 p.m. - Vietnamese Day – Bishop Byrne
- Thursday, November 27th at 10:00 a.m. - Thanksgiving Day Mass
- Sunday, December 7th at 11:45 a.m. – Mass of Our Lady of Guadalupe of the Parish
- Monday, December 8th Immaculate Conception – A Holy Day of Obligation – Masses will be celebrated at 12:10 p.m. and 5:00 p.m., and Pastoral Council meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday, December 13th at 10:00 a.m. – Mass of Latino Day for the Diocese

Grand Annual Gift

Parishioners have received letters in their homes. We will see what happens with the collection. There is no expiration date. The First Friday Group meets on December 5th and they have expressed interest in contributing towards the Grand Annual Gift fund raiser.

Religious Education

Lynn reported that there are two (2) new students in the ministry. The parents of the students are enrolled in Dolly’s OCIA class. The ministry is awaiting the arrival of a new cart or stand for the new TV.

Latino Ministry

Dolly reported that there are two (2) students in the OCIA class. They attend class during the week and also on Sunday. All preparations are ready for the Our Lady of Providence annual dinner to be held on Saturday, November 15th.

Black Catholic Apostolate

Marion reported that they are working on preparations for the annual Purple Mass to be held on Saturday, November 22nd, and the end of year celebration of Kwanzaa which is celebrated from December 26th through New Year's Day. There will be a reception.

Take & Eat Ministry

Virginia reported that there is a new volunteer. The new volunteer needs to complete the Virtus training and CORI. The ministry has maintained the same number of recipients: 65. The ministry would like to increase the number of meal recipients. There are no special diets. There are sufficient volunteers in the kitchen, but two (2) more packers are needed. Drivers are welcome. Springfield College students volunteers hours for community service. College students need CORIs.

Safety & Security Committee

An issue was brought forth about allowing pets in church. It is only acceptable if they are service dogs, but not for emotional support.

Old Business

- a. **Parish Census** - After January 1st the 3rd mailing/request for the Parish Census will go out. We will reach out to WeShare electronic giving site.
- b. **Sacristy Floor** – The rug has been lifted and new floor will be installed. The cost of the new area rugs will be split between the parish and the diocese (\$2,500.00).
- c. **Pastoral Council Minutes** – This meeting is a public meeting. After the minutes of the meeting have been accepted they will be published on the Cathedral's website.
- d. **Advent Tree for the Homebound** – The tree will go up after Thanksgiving.
- e. **Fiscal Year Report** – We need to come up with a date when a member from the parish Finance Council will be able to present from the pulpit after each Mass.
- f. **Discussion on enhancing Spiritual Life in the Cathedral parish.** – This topic of conversation was 'TABLED' until our next meeting. More time is needed to discuss it. All members of the Pastoral Council should be present and participate in the discussion. .
- g. **Food Pantry / Thanksgiving Day Donations** – If we are receive more food we should give it away and not keep it for three (3) years. Catholic Charities could publicize the food pantry. It does not have to be on a Wednesday. Mateusz Kurc is interested in volunteering with the parish food pantry. He would come to help Paul.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 8th in the Rectory.

Adjournment / Closing Prayer

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m. with a closing prayer led by Fr. Dailey.