

OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
QUARTERLY UPDATE
1ST QUARTER, 2016



The OLS Parish Pastoral Council consists of 12 members whose mission is to represent the parishioners and assist the pastor in matters related to the parish. *

The following is a summary of the most recent business conducted by the OLS Parish Pastoral Council for the 1st Quarter March 31st, 2016:

- ❖ **Post Baptismal-Holy Family Outreach – PPC members were provided with an update on this important ministry. The purpose of this outreach effort is to encourage families whose children have recently been baptized at Our Lady of the Snows to continue participation in the spiritual life of the parish. Two ministry coordinators attended a Mass and Reception for newly baptized on January 16, 2016. A second letter has been drafted inviting parents to join OLS School and the Faith Formation Program. Starting in July letters will be sent to parents on the anniversary of their child's baptism.**
- ❖ **PPC members were updated on various activities related to the Youth Outreach goal, which is divided into two categories: Youth Group and Young Adult Ministry. The Youth Group seeks to create an environment of continuing faith formation, instilling a service ethic and also having fun. Participation in the Youth Group has been good. A recruitment drive was held on the weekend of January 16/17, 2016. Meeting dates and the calendar of events can be accessed at www.OLSAMCYG.Weebly.com The Young Adult Ministry (Chi Rho) is continuing its efforts to recruit young adults to commit to this ministry. Recruiting participation in this ministry has been challenging. Young adults were invited to participate in the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at the Parker Institute for Geriatric Care.**
- ❖ **The Leadership Committee is working with 19 ministries, clubs, societies, and organizations in the parish. The Leadership Committee helps the various organizations in the parish to identify future leaders and increase participation. Many of the parish ministries, societies, organizations, and clubs are developing mission statements, goals and objectives and leadership succession plans. The Leadership Committee is working with the facilitator of the youth group to establish a Youth Mass on a regular basis.**
- ❖ **Several members of the Parish Council attended a Day of Reflection on March 12th at St. Gregory's Parish. Parish Council members from Deanery #5 were able to share both issues and challenges confronting their respective Parish Councils.**
- ❖ **The Parish Council is reviewing and updating goals and objectives. Input from parishioners regarding issues and ideas are always welcome.**

*For more information about OLS Parish Pastoral Council, please visit the OLS Parish Web Site:
www.olsnows.org