

**OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS**  
**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**  
**PPC REPORT, MARCH 2020-OCTOBER 2021**



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 from March 2020-October 2021:

- ❖ The COVID -19 pandemic presented many challenges to the activities of the Ministries, Societies, Organizations and Committees in the parish. Although limited in its ability to plan activities with our pastor, Fr, McBrien, the council met via Zoom meeting to maintain a momentum and discuss future plans. The Pastoral Council was able to resume in person meetings on September 13<sup>th</sup> 2021.
- ❖ 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. The Post Baptismal-Holy Family Outreach Ministry began in July of 2015. The Post Baptismal Outreach continues to send “Welcome” letters, “First Anniversary” letters, “Second Anniversary” letters and “Third Anniversary” letters.
- ❖ PPC members were updated on various activities related to the Youth Outreach goal. The Youth Group is in a temporary hiatus. The Pastoral Council together with Fr. McBrien continues to discuss strategies to engage our youth in the spiritual life of the parish. The Parish Council is discussing efforts to collaborate with a parish in the deanery to organize a youth group.
- ❖ Back to School Supply Drive – The OLS parishioners’ generous donation of school supplies provided many children in need with the back packs, note books, pencils, pens and paper necessary for a successful start to the school year.
- ❖ Thrive For Life Prison Project – Fr. Zach Persutti SJ, founder of the Thrive for Life Prison Project spoke at the Saturday and Sunday Masses on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Fr. Persutti described his ministry working with incarcerated and formerly incarcerated inmates. His ministry aims to empower incarcerated and formerly incarcerated inmates thrive for life through spiritual development and provide opportunities for educational and employment.
- ❖ Ministry Brochures - A rack containing ministry brochures is located in the gathering space. These informative brochures contain information about the ministries, societies, organizations, and clubs operating in the parish. Contact information is provided in each of the brochures if you need more information or are interested in participating in any of the ministries, societies, organizations, and clubs.
- ❖ The Pastoral 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 Website:  
[www.olsnows.org](http://www.olsnows.org)