Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes - APPROVED

Wednesday, June 10, 2026

7:15 pm – 8:30 pm

Items italicized in blue are outcomes of the Agenda.

Present – Tom Healy, Francisco Henriquez, Jim Hulst, Lisa O'Connell, Dorothy Raybourn, Elaine VanderBaan, David Byrne, Mary Lou Hall

Absent – Bernie Bowhuis, John Pitsch, Fr. Victor or delegate.

Agenda

1) Opening Prayer
   a) Synodal Prayer (Prayed as a Group, prayer is in your binder)
   b) Lectio Divina will begin on Aug 14 meeting.

2) Welcome
   a) Congratulations and Welcome to all members
   b) Introductions of members who were not at the informational meeting
   c) Reviewed PC New Member Binder contents, including Rosary.
   d) Reviewed selection process that occurred at the 8:30 am May 30 Mass that resulted in their selection as new members of the council

3) Approve the Previous Meeting Minutes.
   a) There were no minutes to approve at this meeting, the following is for new member information. The Minutes provide a record of the meeting proceedings. The minutes are sent to the parish secretary to keep on file and are available for parishioners to view. Members have an opportunity to note amendments before formal approval. The minutes will then be approved by one member and seconded by an additional member in order for the minutes to be approved. By approving the minutes, you are confirming that the minutes accurately reflect the proceedings from the previous meeting.
   b) *Discussion regarding informing the parish of council information.*
      i) *A direct link to the HRP PC Website through Flocknote will be added for parishioners to access the PC minutes or newsletter*
      ii) The PC welcomes input from parishioners by speaking to a PC member or emailing the council at Pastoralcouncil@holyredeemerparish.org

4) Review Calendar
   a) Calendar of upcoming meeting dates reviewed, as outlined below
   b) Note the Wednesday summer meeting work session dates
      i) June 10, 2026
      ii) July 8, 2026
      iii) August 12, 2026

c) *September 9, 2026, (Recorded incorrectly in past calendar)*

5) Review Charter – *Charter on file in Parish Office.*
   a) Review all sections of the Charter
   b) Refer to/highlight the handout in binder from Tammy Graves, Projects Director for the Diocese of Grand Rapids, entitled **Parish Pastoral Council Formation Sessions**
   c) We will begin praying using the Lectio Divina format at the meeting of August 12, 2026
   d) Review pages 1 and 2 only, more in depth as we begin to work on items A-E at July 8th meeting
      i) Focusing on Role of Pastoral Council items A through E
      ii) Refer to the document "**Vision and Criteria for Vital Parishes**" (Handout is in your binder; Review prior to July 8th meeting for discussion)
      iii) Look at **Rooted in Christ** handout, focusing on Holy Redeemer Parish results (Handout is in your binder; Review prior to July 8th meeting for discussion)
      iv) Start to think about parish Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats
         (1) SWOT diagram (will provide handout for July 8th meeting) – documents and instructions provided at June 10 meeting for review at July 8 meeting.
         (2) SWOT input will be used to determine parish goals; specific process yet to be determined. This was discussed deeply, more to come.

6) Items from previous meetings and new information
   a) Safety and Security Update from April 27th meeting provided by Jim Hulst
      i) *Safety and Security Council is continuing to determine/establish leaders*
      ii) *Seven to eight enthusiastic parishioners are on the committee*
      iii) *Reviewing Safety and Security plan from St Pius X for implementation at Holy Redeemer*
      iv) *Will present final plan of Security Manual to Pastoral Council and Fr. Victor*

7) Live Streaming of Mass in Shepherd's Hall
   a) Purpose: To give families with young children, who may need extra space to move around, a location to view the Mass by live stream. This will allow families to continue to participate in the liturgy while also attending to their children. This service will also be available to our homebound and college students.
   b) *Fr. Victor indicated this service will be implemented shortly.*

8) Leadership Get Together
   a) Father Victor and Colleen Bryan (Chairperson of Community Life) are organizing a get-together
   *b) It will be for **new and outgoing** members from*
      i) Pastoral Council
      ii) Finance Council
      iii) Outreach Committee
      iv) Stewardship Committee
   c) The goal of this event is for Father Victor to get to know new council/committee members and thank outgoing members who have worked with Fr. Victor since his arrival last July.

d) *This event is for members only; spouses will not be included at this time.*
e) *Suggested date is Sunday, October 4, 2026, at 6:00pm*
f) *Invitations will be sent by email and USPS mail for members to RSVP to Chris Hunt*

9) *Stewardship Committee will be sending out Time and Talent Surveys this Fall instead of this past Spring.*

10) *Pastoral Council and Finance Commissioning Mass tentative date is Saturday July 11, at the 4:30 Mass.*
a) *Fr. Victor needs to verify this date with Finance Council*
b) *Father Victor will be on a Pilgrimage June 14th through 29th for travel to Italy.*
c) *I will confirm this date as soon as Father Victor lets me know*

11) Closing Prayer: The Prayer to St. Michael (As a group, handout in your binder)

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Next Meeting is Wednesday, July 8th, after 6:30 pm Mass 2026