

Pastoral Council 3.12.26 Agenda and Notes

Members Present: Father Amberger, Father Cordonnier, Ed Kreiner, Marc Wells, Gerry Faust, Tina Stephens, Gary Defosse, Debbie Morrison, Marc Wells, David Holden, Anna Howell, Dustin Fussnecker, Cathy Zurbuch

Members Absent:

OLD BUSINESS:

On 11.13.25, the Family of Parishes Pastoral Council took a consultative vote and all voted in favor of Fr. Amberger proceeding with the process of asking the Archdiocese of Cincinnati for permission to alienate the property for not less than the lowest appraised value of \$110,000.00.

UPDATE: We are awaiting a letter from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati for further details.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Beacons of Light Update:

a) **Parish Vision Statement: See Attached Sheet**

b) **“Family Unity Discernment”**: See attached sheets

i) <https://resources.catholicaoc.org/offices/parish-vitality/family-unity-discernment>

c) **Expectation of a plan for Canonical Union for July 1, 2027**

i) <https://pathway.catholicaoc.org/modification-of-parishes/>

2) Concern from Parishioner

Meeting ended with a prayer at:

Possible Options for the "Parish Vision Statement"

Option 1: The "Heart of the Home" (Warm & Relational)

"Rooted in the soil of rural Ohio and the traditions of our Holy Mother Church, our mission is to cultivate a community of unwavering faith and resilient families. We strive to be a spiritual home where every generation is nourished by the Sacraments and strengthened by neighborly love."

Option 2: The "Light on the Hill" (Direct & Action-Oriented)

"To form strong families and bold disciples through the grace of the Eucharist. We commit ourselves to preserving our rural heritage, educating our youth in the Truth, and living as a steadfast witness of Christ's love in our community."

Option 3: The "Sower's Mission" (Metaphorical & Local)

"Sowing seeds of faith, growing families in grace, and harvesting a legacy of devotion. Our parish exists to protect the sanctity of the home and to ensure that the light of the Gospel remains the bedrock of our rural life."

Option 4: The "St. Joseph Model" (Short & Punchy)

"Building a legacy of Strong Faith and Strong Families under the patronage of the Sacred Heart of Christ, nourished through the Sacraments and sustained by fidelity to the Holy Catholic Church."