

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Last year's theme "Called to Holiness" was a guide for us to remember that each day our call to Live Jesus is a response in love to be present to God who is always present to us. I saw your "call" in so many actions and accomplishments. I continue to be grateful for the generous response that our parishioners, school families, staff, organizations, and volunteers give to the OLGC community and beyond. May this year's theme guide us to do "All through love, nothing through fear or force".

One highlight from year two of the pastoral plan was how our parish missions worked together to accomplish the first parish-wide Day of Service. This day brought members of the community, from preschoolers to seasoned citizens, to participate in indoor and outdoor service projects. The day incorporated prayer, reflection,



service, and fellowship and we hope to provide more opportunities in the future.

We are an extremely active community with a variety of events happening on campus each week. Communication is a vital component of parish life. In order to handle the day to day, week to week, month to month activities, OLGC has implemented an online request form and communications form so that organizations, groups and ministry leaders can schedule and advertise their events. All events are highlighted on our online calendar, posted in our bulletin, social media, video screens in the church and school, and in school and CCF newsletters. From bible studies to rosary, shawl and quilt making; devotional prayer groups to fellowship dinners; outreach opportunities to athletic events, there is something for everyone.

This report is to give you the details of Year Two for each of the Five Mission Areas and other Administrative accomplishments. It also includes our Annual Financial Report which we presented to the diocese in September. Please note that while the weekly contributions did not meet budget and were even less than last year, we did have some very generous unrestricted and restricted gifts that helped make it a great year.

You may consider joining many of your fellow parishioners in using Faith Direct our convenient and secure electronic giving (eGiving) program. Through Faith Direct you can make all of your contributions to OLGC from your checking account or credit card. Visit our Faith Direct

website https://membership.faithdirect.net/VA875, email info@faithdirect.net, or call their toll-free number, 866-507-8757, to speak with someone directly.

I thank all of you for your stewardship of Our Lady of Good Counsel and look forward to seeing what we all can accomplish in Year 3 of our Pastoral Plan.

Click <u>here</u> to see the complete report which was published in the December 8th bulletin and is also on the website https://www.olgcva.org/about-us/welcome/pastoral-plan.

Live Jesus!

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