



## 49th<sup>th</sup> PPC Meeting Minutes | Summary and Action Plans:

Thursday, 30 October 2025

### 1. Building Update on Bathroom Renovation (Design Phase)

- Deacon Nestor mentioned that the total cost increased to \$71,355, with a permit submittal target date of November 3rd.
- Deacon Virgil discussed the advantages and disadvantages of wall-mounted water closets, while the group also talked about the design and materials for a canopy structure, including its height, slope, and rain protection features.
- Raised concerns about dampness and mold resistance addressed by Deacon Virgil and Nestor; *explained that the canvas is coated to resist mold and maintenance would be necessary.*
- Father Ray shared that the Archbishop had approved of the project, citing the need for an overflow space and improved post-mass activities. The group discussed the potential for mold growth and agreed that the design, created by Shays U.S.A., was suitable for their needs.

#### Action Plan(s):

- Greg Roja to submit full permit package for bathroom construction on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Deacon Virgil and Deacon Nes to review structural drawings and mechanical plans with Greg tomorrow (10/31/25).
- Deacon Virgil to follow up on the shade structure design and materials with USA Shade including investigating utility lines underneath the proposed canopy platform and maintenance requirements for the canopy.

### 2. Jubilee Update (September/October)

- Deacon Nestor mentioned the importance of making the project meaningful and potentially involving the Knights of Columbus.
- Proposed creating a significant time capsule to be sealed in a special Mass, potentially including messages from current and past pastors, religious artifacts, and representations of parish life.

### 3. Post Fiesta/Gala Update

- Malu Cu highlighted the successful parish event that involved the community, including young people and various organizations the participation of the clergy, young members, and parishioners, noting the absence of incentives for participation, which led to a significant number of complementary tickets and donations.
- The event was deemed productive and enjoyable, with plans to share professional photos and videos.
- **Emerald Gala Fundraising Success:** Malu reported on the successful Emerald Gala event, which raised \$151,690.70 in total, with \$74,500 from donations and sponsorships, and net proceeds of \$74,000 after expenses of \$78,190.
- The event was well-received despite some technical challenges with stage setup, and Malu is still collecting additional donations to reach a six-figure total.
- The souvenir program is nearly complete, pending final messages from Narissa before printing.

### 4. Legion of Mary Outreach Discussion/Apostolic Mission

- Deacon Nes expressed his passion for the Legion of Mary's activities explaining its mission as an apostolate to spread the love of Christ through prayer and service and active role in faith outreach and community engagement.
- He highlighted the organization's growth with five Presidiiums and the formation of a sixth, describing their weekly meetings, outreach activities, and impact on the community. He emphasized the Legion's dedication to visiting the homebound, praying outside abortion clinics, and bringing the Blessed Sacrament to those who cannot attend Mass.
- The meeting focused on upcoming religious events and activities. Deacon Nestor discussed the Legion of Mary's work and clarified that while it primarily consists of older members, there are auxiliary members of various ages. He outlined the schedule for November and December, including All Saints and All Souls Days, Thanksgiving Mass, and



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Simbang Gabi. Father Ray and Deacon Nestor confirmed that the 9-day novena and Misa de Gallo would take place as in previous years. They also mentioned the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses, with Midnight Mass featuring a proclamation.

- Denise shared a personal story about Lita Songco's dedication to the Legion of Mary, who visited Denise's home to pray and distribute church bulletins. John noted that Lita Songco's passion for faith sharing and involvement make the knights better men, and he acknowledged her appreciation for knights who assist the Legion of Mary, particularly when distributing Miraculous Medals.

#### Action Plan(s):

- Deacon Nes to write about the Legion of Mary outreach program and discuss with Lita Songco and her group about being featured in the newsletter. Legion of Mary to submit information to the Archdiocese to spotlight their outreach efforts.
- Father Ray agreed to have Deacon Nes write about the Legion's unique contributions to the parish, including their weekday choir and home visitation programs. The Legion of Mary was praised for their extensive outreach efforts, particularly their work with homebound parishioners and communion visits.

#### 5. Other Business:

- Other topics included the need for increased spiritual engagement among youth and young adults, with Sanjay highlighting the potential for a Marian youth group to address this.
- Updates on various parish activities and a reminder of upcoming transitions in key ministries.