

## Parish Pastoral Council President's Note #8

3 March 2026

Greetings everyone,

Our Lady of the Hills is an extraordinary community, as you well know. We are a beautiful mosaic of nationalities, languages, cultures, and backgrounds — but first and foremost, we are Catholic. We share one faith and one desire: to praise God in all His glory. As brothers and sisters in Christ, we are called to look beyond superficial differences and fully embrace the unity we share in our parish family.

With this spirit in mind, we invite *you* to become more deeply involved in parish life. Catholicism is not passive — it is participatory. Our parish offers many meaningful opportunities to serve, grow, and connect through a wide variety of ministries, groups, and service efforts. Each one strengthens our community and deepens our faith.

You might consider serving as a lector or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion at Mass. Perhaps you are called to join the choir, the women's group, or Cursillo. The Knights of Columbus, St. Vincent de Paul Society, and our prayer groups are always welcoming new members. The list truly goes on.

Not sure where to begin? Stop by the Parish Office or speak with one of our wonderful deacons or Sister Christina — they would be happy to help you find the right fit.

As our youth religious education program continues to grow, we are especially in need of volunteers to help pass on the beauty and truth of our faith to the next generation.

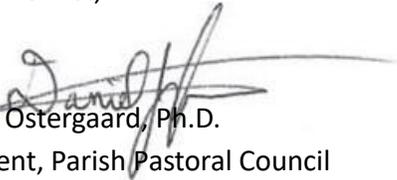
We are also preparing for our annual parish picnic celebrating our Patron Saint on Sunday, May 31. Volunteers are always appreciated to help make this joyful event a success.

In addition, our Spanish-language Masses and the 10:00 a.m. English-language Mass currently participate in the Vocations Cup program, with families taking turns praying each week for an increase in vocations. We are seeking coordinators to begin this program at the Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mass and the Sunday 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Masses. If you are interested, please contact us at [olhvocations@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:olhvocations@charlestdiocese.org).

We are truly blessed by the vibrant community we share at Our Lady of the Hills, and we hope you will prayerfully consider becoming even more involved in the life of our parish.

If you have any questions, please reach out to the Parish Pastoral Council or the Parish Office to learn more about how you can participate.

Yours in Christ,

  
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