

Minutes from Vestal-Endicott Parishes meeting on 11 December 2025

Meeting at OLGC, Fr. Hobbes Room, December 11, 2025

Attendees: Fr. Prior (OLS, OLGC), Fr. Kirkman (Sts. Ambrose, Anthony, Joseph), Fr. Joseph Ahukana, Dc. Bill Matts (Sts. Ambrose, Anthony, Joseph), Diane Julian (St. Joseph), Jim Silkworth (St. Joseph), John Cummiskey (OLGC), Mark Goodwin (OLGC), Dave Archer (OLGC), Ron Kaye (St. Anthony), Mike Brunner (St. Ambrose), Bob Brown (OLS), Dc. Paul Heiland (OLGC)

Absent: Eric Donaldson (OLGC), Kim Potter (OLGC), Mark Whiting (St. Anthony), John Bombaski (St. Ambrose), Chris Free (OLGC), Luke Stanton (facilitator), Jim Gill (St. Joseph - St. Casmir), Brian Schmidt (OLS), Bernadette Van Donsel (OLS)

Minutes (taken by Dc. Paul Heiland):

- Opening prayer from Dc. Bill Matts
- Introductions around the table
- Dc. Paul Heiland had sent out a request to consider the vision and goals of this "steering committee". The following notes were taken:
 - sheet 1:
 - Care for the souls
 - Financial viability
 - Name of Endicott parish
 - location of the one church
 - Administration function, \$, and programs
 - what happens to the other churches?
 - sheet 2:
 - send Nov 20, 2025 Town Hall summary out to every family
 - gets input from every family
 - Get trend data from other Syracuse diocese reorgs.
 - sheet 3:

Vision of this group

- generate parish survey to get parishioner thoughts and considerations - due in January
- send Nov 20, 2025 Town Hall summary data (letter and two-page summary) to all parishioners - due in January
- sheet 4:

Goals

- what would be viable for Care of the Souls for 1 pastor & 1 associate (parochial vicar) by July 1, 2026
- maintain parish traditions
- analyze \$ for feasibility
- new community-building of OLS and Endicott parishes
- Mass schedule for July 2026
- Plan - what is the long term solution for Endicott-Vestal

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sheet 5:

Next meeting

- map out new Mass schedule
- survey completed and responses available for review - use Nov 20, 2025 Town Hall chart questions, include area for comments
- Determine next meeting date/time
- long-term solution
- near-term solution
- closing prayer from Fr. Prior
- Adjourned