

Seven Dolors Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes | September 15, 2025

In attendance: Logan Britton, Hanna Coffman, Whitney Riley, Shannon Ruder, Joe Wolf

Ex Officio: Fr. Leo Blasi

Approval of Minutes from Monday, August 25, 2025

Opening prayer - Fr. Leo Blasi

- Whitney Riley was nominated as the finance liaison for the Parish Council.

Reports

Finance Report - Whitney Riley

- Two new members joined the Finance Council, and Diane Noll was nominated president.
- Brief discussion of the function of the Finance Council, and how it helps financially monitor and operate the day-to-day function of the church, not the upcoming construction or renovation projects.

Latino Liaison - Fr. Leo Blasi (interim)

- The meeting on August 26th with Bishop Vincke went well and was a success.
- The planning for the Spanish festival held in October is well underway. More information will be posted in the bulletin.

Liturgy - Joe Wolf

- We currently have one application for the music coordinator position that needs reviewed.
- Ramona Kramer is filling in the music coordinator position for the parish in the interim.

MCS/Council of Education

- School enrollment is at 310 students.
- MCS is currently in search of substitute teachers. Anyone interested can contact the MCS office for more information.
- A PTO meeting will be held on September 17.
- A Council of Education meeting will be held on September 23.
- The MCS Annual Benefit Auction will occur on October 24 in the Utopia Room at St. Thomas More.

Catholic Formation - Fr. Leo Blasi (interim)

- OCIA has begun, with both Spanish and English options
- The Catholic Book Club continues to meet on Monday evenings at 6:10pm

- An adult education program is potentially in the works. The current stage is gauging the level of interest from parishioners.

Parish Life - Shannon Ruder

- The parish picnic held on September 7 at the Sunset Zoo was a great success! Estimated attendance was 230, nearly 100 more people than last year. The success was attributed to both an increase in advertisement and being held at an offsite location.

Building and Grounds - Brayson Benne (via email)

- Last meeting was August 26 and the comments were discussed openly among the group.
- Next meeting will be September 23 at 4pm.
- Plans are in place for an Early Learning Center Open House on October 2 at 7pm. This will be a similar format to the last open house. More details will be available in the coming weeks.

Social Action

- No report.

Seven Dolors Catholic Women - Hanna Coffman

- The SDCW Board met last Monday, September 8. Discussion included nominating a treasurer, discussing SDCW funds, planning the bake sale for September 28, and helping with setting the kitchen back up when the time arrives.

Old Business

- The correct stove for the kitchen has not been delivered yet. Once this is resolved, the kitchen will be able to be opened back up for use by the parish groups.
- The company that will be installing the parts needed for the dishwasher plan to arrive and complete the job this week.

New Business

- The stairs into the basement are nearly finished, but there are a few sections of wood that need to be touched up and finished.
- A new microphone was installed at the ambo to ensure clarity from the lectors. As a result of adjusting the sound system, some parishioners noticed at the September 13th and 14th masses that Fr. Leo's microphone was not clear to hear. This will be adjusted for future masses to ensure clarity from all microphones.
- Fr. Leo had a meeting with the bishop last week. Bishop Vincke provided feedback that the diocese is pleased with the direction the parish is going with regards to the renovations, planned expansions, and construction. He suggested our parish hire an

information director to ensure timely information is distributed to parishioners. The position would entail helping update the parish website, preparing printed information, and other various communication tasks related to the growth of the parish. Anyone interested should contact the parish office or Fr. Leo.

Pastors Comments

- Weddings are increasing. We have many on the church calendar from now until the end of the year.

Announcements

- The Saturday mass time will be changed from 4:30pm to 5:30pm, likely beginning in February 2026. This will be hugely beneficial when helping coordinate the St. Patrick's mass.

Next Meeting: Monday, October 20, 2025 @ 7pm in the Church basement

Closing Prayer