

**OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL CHURCH  
PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES  
MARCH 21, 2013**

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Fr. Fred and Gary opened with a prayer.

Members attending: Doris Brodeur, Gary Chmielewski, Dick Clark, Mary Kella,  
Janine Marrone, Gail Rollins and Father Fred Tillotson

Excused absences: Bob Dailey and Deacon Tom Grant

- February 21 Minutes were amended to correct name spelling and motion to approve made by Dick Clark, seconded by Gary Chmielewski and passed.
- Pastor's Report: Excellent response by the parish to Fr. Bob Colaresi's Mission. Need to research ideas for next year's leader... agreed that Lenten timing works well. St. Patrick's Party was well attended and a definite success. Reconciliation service held with ample number of priests available and good response by the parish. Holy Week plans are in place. Pastoral Council Constitution and By-Laws were posted, with no comment, and will stand as approved unless there are objections before March 31, 2013. Census cards have all been entered, searches will be initiated, comparison with existing records made and one more request will be made for any who might not have filled out a card. Home Visitation has been researched, but will be delayed for now. Life Long Learning is a definite need for all ages... especially adults... how to form and encourage. It is essential that we look at, and initiate, parish activities as year-round, not just partial year.
- Doris distributed a discussion document to guide the formation of a Strategic Plan tailored to OLMC. The Mission statement, which is under scrutiny, needs to be integrated, as well as a Vision statement to address where we want to be in years to come. Need to prioritize goals and grow out of our Mission statement... taking into account what we do well and where we need to improve.
- Actions: Members of the Pastoral Council are asked to evaluate the parish as we see it... strengths and weaknesses... bringing list indicating ways to improve on what is working and insights on what we can envision for the future.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m. The next meeting: Thursday, April 11 at **4:00** p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kella  
Secretary

Father Frederick J. Tillotson, O.Carm  
Pastor  
Doris Brodeur Ph.D., M.A.  
Chairperson