

**DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL
GUADALUPE YOUTH AND FAMILY CENTER
101 NORTH AVENUE P
LUBBOCK, TEXAS**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2025
10:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

CURRENT MEMBERS PRESENT: Most Rev. Robert Coerver, Very Rev. Msgr. David Cruz, Vicar General, Very Rev. Jose Kochuparambil, Judicial Vicar, Mr. Larry Rossi, Mrs. Esther Clarady, Mrs. Valerie Rodriguez, Mrs. Frances Alvarez, Mr. Stephen Henry, Deacon Adrian Jimenez, Chancellor, Deacon Juan Cavazos, Mr. Lucas Flores, Dr. Jenna Chang, Sister Peggy Szeljack, Mrs. Christine Wanjura, Mr. Marty Martin, Very Rev. Jonathan Phillips, (Brownfield Deanery), Very Rev. Albert Devanessian, HGN, (Snyder Deanery), Very Rev. Father George Poonely, (Plainview Deanery), and Judy Leos Rodriguez, Recording Secretary.

NEW MEMBERS: Mr. David Glasheen, Mr. David Hipolito, Ms. Flor Hurtado, Ms. Kelly Kuehler, Ms. Josie Pineda, Ms. Christine Reyna, Mr. Kerry Siders, and Ms. Carolina Villarreal.

ABSENT: Mrs. Gloria Calderon, and Very Rev. Ernesto Lopez, (Lubbock Dean-Funeral).

OPENING PRAYER

The regular meeting of the Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC) was held on Saturday, January 25, 2025, and was opened with a prayer led by Bishop Coerver.

MINUTES

The DPC Minutes of September 7, 2024, were distributed via e-mail to the Council prior to this meeting and were approved as written. The Minutes were unanimously approved and stand approved as written. September 7, 2024 Minutes will be posted on the Diocesan website.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Bishop Coerver welcomed everyone to the DPC meeting and wanted to take a minute to acknowledge the challenging work of our out-going members and to welcome our new members. Each member introduced themselves to the council. The Bishop gave a brief overview to the new members and explained the purpose of the DPC Council was to be a Consultative Body to the Bishop. He does not make any decisions without his Consultative Boards. Unfortunately, one of his biggest concerns was that most decisions have already been made with other Consultative bodies, and he is usually just reporting to the DPC of those decisions. This group was extremely helpful to him in making decisions during Covid and he was very appreciative of all their input and support during this challenging time. Some of the outgoing members gave a brief outline of what they experienced while serving the council and dealing with Covid and other issues that affected the Diocese. The Bishop

thanked the retiring council members for their experience and leadership and welcomed all the new members.

The Deans are another Consultative Body that the Bishop relies on. If you hear of a grievance or complaint, he encouraged the DPC to take it up with the Dean in their Deanery and then, they bring it to the Bishop for discussion and direction.

He also spoke of the importance of keeping sensitive and confidential issues that happen in the Diocese to this Council only. Sometimes, issues come up that are confidential in nature, and they should not be discussed with others in the parishes. He asked that the DPC members keep Confidential Information to themselves. We do need to respect people's privacy and reputation.

Two important issues for the future are:

- Pastoral Planning for fewer priests and,
- The Financial Reality of the parishes of the Diocese

FUTURE TOPICS

- Signing Confidential Agreement
- Reviewing DPC Constitution
- Vision for the Diocese
- Financial Reality of the Parishes
- Plainview Pastoral Planning
- Shortage of Priests – Personnel Issues
- Reassigning Deanery Structure

CLOSING PRAYER

Closing prayer led by Bishop Coerver.

***The next DPC meeting will take place on
Saturday, March 29, 2025, from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., at
The Diocesan Pastoral Center
Conference Room 125
4620 4th Street – Building A
Lubbock, Texas***