

**East Snohomish County Parishes (Family 8)**  
**Parish Family Advisory Council Minutes**  
**September 2, 2025**

**PFAC Members Present:**

Holy Cross – Carmella Barger, Laurel Cheap, Elodia Gonzalez, Angel Herrera, Pat Thomson  
St. Michael – Claudia Barajas  
St. Mary of the Valley – Cristofer Barajas, Jorge Maldonado, Janina Meeks, John Sekreta

**PFAC Leaders (Staff) Present:**

Holy Cross – LeeAnn Balbirona, Alicia Ramirez  
St. Michael – Emily Cona  
Parish Family Director of Operations – Annette Van Dyke

**Liaison Present:**

Gina DePalma

Meeting commenced at 6:35pm with opening prayer.

**Parish Updates:**

- Fr. Jay continues his fight with cancer and is receiving weekly blood and platelet infusions. We continue to pray for him.
- Introduction of St. Michael's new PAA, Emily Cona.
- St. Michael is having the new flooring in the large hall installed this week.
- Construction updates:
  - St. Michael school is waiting for plans for the renovation of the small hall into three classrooms.
  - St. Mary of the Valley will have their roof replaced mid-September.
  - Holy Cross's parking lot expansion is awaiting plans from the architect.

**One Parish Plan (OPP)**

- It has been one year since we formed a parish family. We watched the video from the Archbishop commemorating this event.  
English: <https://vimeo.com/1093187417/b18a91a205?share=copy>,  
Spanish: <https://vimeo.com/1096383322/13d8c3f791?share=copy>
- OPP timeline – we are now in the *Who Are We?* phase.
- Demographic Survey
  - The council reviewed the English and Spanish demographic surveys that will be presented to parishioners. There were some edits suggested. Annette will make changes and publish it to ParishStaq, where a QR code will be created.
  - The survey will be available online using the QR code September 27-Oct 12. Hard copies will be distributed after the homily at each Mass the weekend of Oct 4-5; there will be time (about 3 minutes) to complete the surveys. Hard copies will also be available after each Mass the following weekend, Oct. 11-12. QR codes will be prominently placed around the parishes as well as in the bulletin and on social media.

- PFAC members will need to be available both weekends to assist with the distribution, collection and answering any questions from parishioners.
- A subgroup will review all the responses and will prepare a report for parishioners that will be published in the bulletin. Thank you to Pat, Janina and Claudia for heading this up.
- The survey will be publicized in the bulletin, websites, social media and pulpit announcements to prepare the parishioners and get as much participation as possible.
- *What Are Our Gifts?*
  - Gina suggested that we start the listening sessions and/or surveys at the beginning of November. Discussion about how to encourage parishioner participation ensued. This will be further discussed at the next PFAC meeting in October.
- Baseline Viability Metrics
  - Gina reminded the council that the parish viability metrics discussed a few months ago should be presented to the parishioners. These metrics include Evangelization, Utilization, Staffing, Buildings and Financial viability. A subgroup should be formed to work on this.

The meeting closed with prayer at 8:05pm.

**The next PFAC meeting will be on October 7, 2025 at 6:30 pm at St. Michael**

**Future Meetings:**

October 7

November 4

December 9 (combined Christmas party with Finance Council)

January 6

February 3

March 3

April 7

May 5

June 2