

Our New Logo for Our Lady of the Assumption Church

In 2021, with the opening of the Synod on Synodality, the Holy Father invited the entire Church to reflect on how the diverse people of God can work together more effectively for the advancement of the Church's mission – evangelization.

OUR PARISH as well as all parishes of the Archdiocese was called to re-energize the clergy and the laity by listening to the Holy Spirit through the Word of God and to each other with surveys, discussion groups and parish meetings. Through various cadres, survey responses and parishioner discussion groups, volunteer committees were formed that take a more grassroots, collaborative approach, taking time to discern the path forward *together*. It highlights the fact that we all have something precious to contribute to the Body of Christ. OLA chose Liturgy, Education and Outreach as our three goals, based on our Mission statement.

OUR PARISH calls this initiative “Building OLA’S Community of Faith”. The Builders team captains, Jim Glasgow, Meg Taft, Tim Sweeney, Cathy Caprio, Anne Sprissler and led by Tony Gentile have been working with Father Carey on this project since October 2022.

OUR PARISH has a new Logo to embody this new energy! A contest was open to all parishioners. Anmarie Brazunas, Connie Izzo, Rich Merman, Camilo Rincon, Mara Toukatly Saldana, Marge Seedor, Millie Slifer, and Rose Ann Westerfer entered the contest with wonderful designs! Each design will be used in some way during our commitment to renew our parish. Thank you very much to all of you!

OUR PARISH Logo contest adjudication took place at the rectory with volunteer judges. Entries were marked by numbers, not names. The Logo selected was designed by Mara Toukatly Saldana, daughter of parishioners Kathy and Jack Toukatly, and raised here at OLA.

Mara explains in her own words, “The Logo is based on the Sacred Heart. I am using that as a foundation for community. The Logo is inspired by the woodcarving art I experienced in Brazil recently”. Father Carey further explained the origin of the “M” under the cross is for Mary and is a reference to the Coat of Arms of St. John Paul II. It visually represents Mary at the Cross with her son.

Thank you, Mara, for putting your faith into action through your God-given ability.

