

OLG SUSTAINABLE, GREEN USE POLICY

In response to our Catholic Call to be Stewards of the earth, and in conjunction with the opening of The Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish Center and Alex J. Burnett Gymnasium, OLG has decided to implement further sustainable use policies for all Parish, School, and Private functions in all Parish/School facilities.

The new Parish Policy will focus on three areas – Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle by utilizing composting, recycling and minimizing garbage generation. We can accomplish this goal by the use of washable (glass) plates, metal silverware and other glassware whenever possible. When the use of the above is not an option, the use of compostable (starchware) utensils and compostable paper plates and cups will be required.

A key element in our sustainable policy will be the “plastic free” theme. Plastic water bottles, soda containers and other plastics are to be eliminated as much as possible. Minor exceptions for unavoidable plastic food packaging and wrap will be allowed. All catering and food suppliers will also be required to observe the OLG Sustainable/Green policy.

Acceptable Materials for Parish/School/Private Events and Functions: - Metal Utensils, glassware and reusable Tupperware/Rubbermaid, etc., compostable (Starchware) utensils, compostable paper plates & Hot/Cold cups, paper or cloth napkins, anything Organic and compostable, cardboard boxes and reusable transport bags.

Non Acceptable (Prohibited Use) Materials - Anything Styrofoam, anything plastic that is disposable, particularly water & soda bottles, etc., plastic disposable drink cups, champagne or wine glasses, plastic plates, onetime use plastic table coverings, ANYTHING *not* compostable/reusable/or recyclable.

We appreciate your support as we implement this program.

For general Pastoral Policy questions; contact Frank Handler, Parish Administrator. For specific use or item questions, contact Dave Hill who is overseeing the project.

