

Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

June 8, 2023

Attendance: Tim Coonen, Heather Duggan, Matilda Owolagba, Grace Bruno, Anthony Zoccoli, Cheryl Khoury, Sue-Anne Hess, Peter Brimacombe, Chad Glendinning, McE Galbreath (for *Laudato Si'*)

Regrets: Mary Dalipaj

1. Prayer and Welcome

2. **Agenda:** Approved: Cheryl and Anthony

3. **Minutes:** The minutes from May 2023 were approved: Peter and Sue-Anne

4. Business arising:

4.1 *Laudato Si'* – McE Galbreath

Care for Creation, 7-year plan.

Proposal: Using *Laudato Si'* as an umbrella for all our committees/ministries

The following identifies the 8 aspects of the *Laudato Si'* mission and suggests which of the current Canadian Martyrs ministries/committees we feel could be instrumental in moving us forward:

1. Response to the Cry of the Earth: Development & Peace
2. Response to the Cry of the Poor: Pastoral Care (seniors) and the Settlement Committee (refugee settlement)
3. Simple Lifestyles: Development & Peace
4. Ecological Education: Youth Group
5. Ecological Economics: Faith Formation (to generate a speaker to help us understand a way forward)
6. Ecological Spirituality: Liturgy Committee and Faith Formation (to generate a speaker to help us understand a way forward)
7. Reconciliation: Truth and Reconciliation Committee and related resources (i.e., LTIV)
8. Community Engagement and Participatory Action: Synodal Committee and PPC

It is the Archdiocese's request that each parish within the Archdiocese work on a Care for Creation Seven Year Plan, as a concrete response to *Laudato Si'*. Each September, the parish will put forward our plan for the year ahead and in May or June, we will report how it has gone. At the recent Lunch and Learn, several parishioners watched *The Letter*. We could go out to these parishioners for their thoughts. We could also promote this movie again; show it after Mass, after pizza night or have a movie night. Faith Formation Committee will look for several speakers to cover a couple aspects of *Laudato Si'*. The youth group will focus on ecological education. PPC will ask McE to be involved in setting up a calendar of events. We could provide bins for the collection of batteries, light bulbs, etc. for proper disposal.

4.2 Pastoral Plan 2023 – review of **action items** from previous meeting

Volunteer cards need to be printed – Sue-Anne and Heather

Contact other churches re. Alpha program

Connect with chaplain at Immaculata.

Signs for breezeway doors – Heather will follow up.

Pride flags have been displayed in the breezeway windows. Two flagpoles have been purchased and will be installed outside the Main St. breezeway door.

Horizon of Hope – Faith Formation Committee to contact.

Multifaith Housing Initiative – Dream Lebreton Flats – Anthony has talked with Corry Wink and has no reservations moving forward with supporting this project.

70th anniversary of the Church – PPC will discuss in September.

4.3 Commissioning of PPC members

This was set for Sunday, June 11th at Mass. PPC will look at holding the commissioning earlier in 2024, perhaps the Sunday after the first PPC meeting of 2024.

4.4 Mass on the Grass

Heather will email Grace with the grocery list and follow up with Immaculata re. BBQ and access to electricity

4.5 Volunteer Appreciation Event

It was decided to hold this event after Mass on June 11th. The volunteers will be recognized (encouraged and affirmed) at the Mass and there will be a special hospitality after Mass. PPC will look at holding this event in April during the National Volunteer Week in 2024.

5. New Business

5.1 Fall Activity Google calendar: this will be started via email over the summer months. Include important dates for the coming year.

6. Pastoral Team Report

Orkin has been to screen access points in sacristy roof where squirrels were entering.

Immaculata Masses for graduating class – it was nice to see the mix of students graduating.

First Lunch and Learn since Covid in May

T&R committee – looking for new members, land acknowledgement will be read by committee members and others before weekend Masses.

Development and Peace: parishioners attended the provincial level meeting held in Ottawa.

The first Mass at Greystone was attended by 31 people. There are plans to schedule more in the fall. Masses continue at Villagia and Windsor Park retirement residences.

Parish Annual Report to be sent out via email next week.

Pastoral Care Team is looking for new members.

From Sandwich Club (sent in by Adele via email):

Sandwich Club:

-Sandwich Club continues to provide 150 sandwiches per week for Centre 507. Will adjourn for the months of July and August, and resume in September.

-We are in the process of looking for corporate sponsorship or funding for next year. If anyone has any leads or connections, please send them Adele's way!

-Would it be possible to include have a weekly spot in the bulletin, looking for volunteers, and a link to the Canada Helps, so people can donate money?

-We opened up the calendar for one in-person sandwich making event at the end of June. There was not much response, so we switched it back to a remote sandwich making week. We can revisit this idea in the fall.

From Religious Education (sent in by Adele via email):

-Our class of 9 First Communion candidates made their First Holy Communion at Sunday masses in May. Some were asked to do the offertory procession, as a lovely way to further include them in the mass, and call them to service to their community.

-Last Saturday was our last session, where we reflected on our First Communion, discussed Jesus' promise that he would always be with us, and we would never be alone. We also assembled 10 birthday kits for children in need. The kids were very enthusiastic about doing their part to make the world a little bit kinder, and a little bit brighter. We sang "This Little Light of Mine" and discussed how we can be a light to the world. Then we celebrated with creamsicles!

-The birthday kits were delivered to Danielle Labelle, Early Years Outreach Worker at Centretown Community Health Centre on Wednesday June 7.

-Baptisms: one coming up in June, another in July

-Children's Liturgy of the Word: our last CLoW will take place June 11. We will adjourn for the summer and resume in September. Would like to resume a 3x per month schedule, if our volunteers are willing and able.

-Lunch & Learn: our first post-covid Lunch & Learn was a screening of The Letter, a truly transformative film about Pope Francis' Encyclical Laudato Si', giving voice to the various groups that are affected by climate change: the poor, the youth, indigenous peoples, and nature itself. 8 people in attendance. Post-film discussion focussed on actions that we can take as a parish to help mitigate climate change and spread awareness of this global threat. Possible topic for next Lunch & Learn in September: "Burying the Dead, Grieving Well - A guide for Catholics on Bodily Disposition." In light of the newer trends in bodily disposition (spreading ashes, human composting), some guidance from the CCCB would help parishioners make informed decisions when planning their funerals.

-I have transitioned to full-time work at OCSB from May 15-June 30. This has posed a challenge, but I am grateful for the patience, kindness and support of our parish team. I feel that I am fully able to continue to fulfill my duties as Director of Religious Education at Canadian Martyrs, and will use my time in the summer to plan and prepare for the fall, when we resume Confirmation prep (October-November), Children's Liturgy of the Word, Lunch & Learn, and the various seasonal activities (Advent Fair, Christmas Pageant, Lenten Fair etc).

7. Finance Committee

No report

8. Other

9. Next Meeting: September 7 or 14? Does Thursday evening still work well for everyone?