

Parish Pastoral Council Minutes October 3, 2024

Present via Zoom: Chad Glendinning, Matthew Iwueze Guests: Anne Louise Mahoney, Maureen Cerroni to discuss Indigenous mural; **Present in person:** Heather Duggan, Fr. Tim Coonen, Sr. Matilda Owolagba, Peter Brimacombe, Grace Bruno Guests: Janice and George Cameron-Caluori to discuss Indigenous mural. Regrets: Sheila Foy-Connolly

1. Prayer read by everyone, and a land acknowledgement given by George.

2. Minutes and motion to adopt the parish Laudato Si' 7-year plan as our pastoral plan approved by email as we did not have quorum at the September meeting.

3. Agenda approved by everyone.

4. Business arising

4.1 Pastoral Plan

The PPC approved by email that the 7-year Laudato Si plan will also serve as the Pastoral Plan as it is clear, short and action oriented. The draft plan was reviewed during the meeting. We will focus on some aspects in November.

Action item: The draft plan will be sent to the members of the Laudato Si' group by Heather for their comments and additions.

Matthew suggested we ask the entire parish for feedback.

Action item: Heather will talk to Adele about a possible Google survey to send out by email.

4.2 Nominations of new PPC members

Heather will ask a couple of parishioners who are new to the parish if they would consider joining the PPC. Chad suggested that we inform potential members that they are welcome to join via Zoom as we offer hybrid meeting options.

5. New Business

5.1 Truth and Reconciliation committee proposal for possible Indigenous mural

The Truth and Reconciliation committee asked PPC to agree to go ahead with research for the possibility of a mural (painted on the brick or mounted) that could be painted by an Indigenous artist(s) on the east facing side of the parish center to raise awareness in the community about our reconciliation efforts. The research would consist of concepts, funding, and collaboration. The Brascoupé sisters (graduated from Immaculata HS) will be contacted by the T&R committee. Three Sisters Artists Collective, <https://threesistersart.ca/>, is made up of Emily Akikodjiwan Brascoupé-Hoefler, Claire Brascoupé and Mairi Brascoupé. They are sisters and members of Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg working in Ottawa on Algonquin Territory. Their brother, [Simon Brascoupé](#), is a well-known artist.

The PPC expressed interest and asked that more information be gathered and presented at a future meeting. The Oblates, as owners of the building, will need to be looped into the discussion when more research has been done.

Working together with Immaculata was suggested by Heather.

Peter suggested contacting [Claudia Selgaro](#), an artist who painted a mural on the Hunt Club Community Center. He brought up insurance.

Sr. Matilda suggested also reaching out to St. Paul University: <https://ustpaul.ca/en/indigenous-initiatives-service/>.

Maureen shared that the City of Ottawa offers 7 funding programs to fund a mural with step by step plans: <https://ottawa.ca/en/living-ottawa/environment-conservation-and-climate/public-spaces-and-environmental-programs/mural-program>.

Tim suggested talking with someone who has experience with murals such as the town of Chemainus, on Vancouver Island. They have dozens of murals that were done over the years, Muraltown.com. The possibility of vandalism was discussed.

Chad suggested exploring funding, concepts and collaborations such as opportunities with City of Ottawa and the school boards. He emphasized looking into student talent via the school boards before approaching individual artists.

Action Item: It was decided that the PPC will vote on a proposal for an Indigenous mural after more research by the T&R committee has been done (funding, concepts and collaborations) and presented to PPC at a future meeting.

6. Pastoral Team Report

Kateri Native Ministry led a meaningful Mass on Sunday, September 29 with Fr. Erik Sorenson.

There have been several funerals at the church this past month.

The walk for the Centertown Community Food Center (Walk for the Centre) is this Sunday, October 6. Parishioners have generously sponsored the walking team this year.

Sacramental prep for confirmation starts this Saturday.

RCIA meets on Sundays after Mass with five participants this year.

Catherine Clifford will be asked to talk at a Lunch and Learn or evening program on her experience at the Synod meetings in Rome this October.

Lunch and Learn on October 20 will be presented by Brennan Richardson from the Commission of Indigenous Languages.

The Office of Bishops is offering webinars on a variety of topics for the 2025 Jubilee Year. Today's topic was about Mary and praying the rosary. Teresa d' Avila will be the topic on the 4th Thursday of October.

Our Memorial Mass for our recently deceased family and friends will be on Saturday, November 2 (All Souls Day) at the 5pm Mass.

The new Immaculata chaplain, Jason Dedo, will meet with Tim to talk about Masses for the Immaculata students. The Masses will need to be scheduled over a couple of days as increased enrollment means that there will need to be a 3rd Mass this year and therefore scheduling is more complicated.

7. Other

Chad brought to our attention that Zoom has an AI companion that could possibly be used to take minutes at our meetings.

Mass attendance is recorded every week (to estimate the number of hosts needed). This could be looked at and graphed.

8. Next meeting November 7, 2024, at 7pm

9. Closing prayer led by Peter

