

## Parish Pastoral Council minutes

September 5, 2024

Attendance in-person: Grace Bruno, Sheila Foy-Connolly, Heather Duggan, Tim Coonen, Matilda Owolagba (quorum was not reached so no decisions were made)

Regrets: Peter Brimacombe, Chad Glendinning, Matthew Iwueze

1. Prayer read by everyone.
2. Minutes approved by email.
3. Agenda approved by everyone.
4. Business arising.

**4.1** Heather revised the PPC Constitution during the summer and Grace checked it. Heather emailed the diocese asking for their constitution guidelines. Annemarie Brown, the Diocese's administration assistant, shared their 2010 constitution guidelines and indicated that this document is being revised. Therefore, we will wait to approve our PPC Constitution until the diocese has completed their revisions this year.

**4.2** Review/update pastoral plan. See Laudato Si' agenda item #5

## 5. New Business

### 5.1 Laudato Si' report

Committees that are part of Laudato Si' group will put up posters and leave post it notes for individual parishioners to indicate what they are doing to care for creation. Adele made a creative slide show which will be shown before Mass and at the Lunch and Learn on September 15.

Laudato Si' Action Plan 8 Objectives: These objectives are from a document prepared by two members of the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall and two others. The document can be found here:

<https://canadianmartyrs.org/laudato-si-7-year-plan/> .

1. Cry of the Earth, Gloria Sola (garden and church environment care) perhaps with Susana Sandoz (Development & Peace)
2. Cry of the Poor, Anna Dorner (Development and Peace)
3. Simple Lifestyles, parishioner led "What are you doing"
4. Ecological Education, McE Galbreath (Youth Group)
5. Ecological Economics, Adele (Faith Formation, needing more expertise perhaps through a guest speaker for Lunch & Learn)
6. Ecological Spirituality, McE Galbreath (with support from Mireille), linking God to nature
7. Reconciliation, Anne Louise Mahoney

8. Community Engagement, Jane Staples (Pastoral Care) and McE Galbreath, with the support of Sandwich Club, Zoom liturgy for Seniors, Christmas boxes, etc.8. Jane, community engagement. Villagia. Pastoral care for a range of parishioners, not just seniors. Sandwich club, Christmas boxes, helping new immigrants.

Sheila proposed that these 8 principals not only be our parish's Laudato Si' 7-year Action Plan but also serve as our Parish Pastoral Plan for 2025-2032; a simpler way forward as we have limited personnel.

Heather brought samples of Laudato Si' plans from other parishes. She will research these examples and add ideas from the Pastoral Plan 2020-2025 in a draft document for PPC to read and edit before sending it to the Laudato Si' group led by McE Galbreath asking for feedback.

**Action item:** This proposal will be emailed to the rest of council for their approval before the October meeting.

## 5.2. PPC recruitment

Chad's 3-year term will be over in December. **Action item:** We need to recruit new PPC members!

## 6. Pastoral Team Report

Heather reported that Mass for the Season of Creation will take place on the weekend of September 14/15.

Thursday, Sept. 26, is the Feast of Canadian Martyrs. There will be a Mass at 7pm with a reception afterwards.

The Kateri Native ministry will be with us for Mass on Sunday, Sept 29. Fr. Erik Sorenson, SJ will preside.

Fr. Tim spoke about the 11-foot statue of Mary from the former convent grounds on Springhurst Ave. that needs a home. Tim has contacted the principal at Immaculata to see if perhaps the statue could be moved to face the canal behind the school. News about the statue was included in the September Mainstreeter newspaper on page 27.

Sunday, Sept. 28 Fr. Tim will be away at the conference for the Association of Treasurers of Religious Institutions. Fr. Ali from Nigeria will preside at Canadian Martyrs.

7. Next meeting, Thursday, October 3.

8. Closing prayer read by everyone.