

## St. John the Evangelist Parish

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### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Marie Bardswich  
Mary MacGregor  
Fr. Michael Williams

Rachel Charette  
Myron McCormick

Ivon Chaumont **(Absent)**  
Sue Quackenbush

Guests: Doreen Merkas - welcome!

## Minutes

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 @7pm

Our PPC met on April 11<sup>th</sup> and discussed the following pastoral issues:

(1) Accessibility to our building; (2) Formation of a 5 Year Plan; (3) Norms for Parish Pastoral Councils; (4) Norms for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion; (5) Communion from the Chalice; (6) Parish Financial Update; (7) New Pastoral Initiatives

Re: (1) There was no report received as per our last meeting. Fr. Michael raised the possibility of creating a Chapel in the Board Room, with closed circuit television, for those unable to navigate our stairs. With just a 21" drop, the window can be replaced with a door, the ground excavated, and a short ramp can allow easy access from the parking lot. PPC recommended gathering information re: cost and feasibility for both ideas – a ramp to the main entrance, and the Chapel idea, in order to more effectively analyse the options. Rachel will take it up with Isaac Timomy, a local contractor, to initiate a 'no strings attached' feasibility study for this idea.

Re: (2) Fr. Michael will complete and compile the 5 year plan in advance of our next meeting.

Re: (3) PPC agreed to the restructuring of our committee to allow for 10 members, including the ex officio positions (Pastor and Finance Chair), with 2 representatives from St. Bernardine's Parish. Terms will be 3 years, renewable once. There will be a 'clean slate' beginning in September, inasmuch as all current members are invited to remain on the PPC as if they were in their first term. Each member is to contact Fr. Michael directly, as soon as possible, to let him know if they will continue to serve on the PPC, or if they

will step down. After receiving this information, we will know how many members we need, and will solicit applications via the parish bulletin, based on the qualifications listed by the new Diocesan Policy. Fr. Michael will make those policy booklets available as soon as he receives them (they can be viewed and printed now from here):

[www.dioceseofsaultstemarie.org/guidelines](http://www.dioceseofsaultstemarie.org/guidelines)

Re: (4) This new policy is also available at the link shown above. All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be receiving a copy soon. Fr. Michael indicated he will be meeting with all the Ministers of Hospitality after Mass this coming weekend in order to train them in the implementation of article #27, which pertains to the prevention of sacrilege. The parish will be made aware of this implementation through the bulletin.

Re: (5) There were no objections raised to Fr. Michael's proposal to begin offering Holy Communion under both Species. He proposed beginning in September, after obtaining the necessary Communion Chalices, and allowing for a little time for education.

**Note: we may begin sooner, depending on how we move forward with the Communion Chalices. Various options are being considered.**

Re: (6) There are currently no concerns regarding our financial situation.

Re: (7) No new pastoral initiatives were proposed; there are a number of parishioners attending the New Evangelisation Summit this month, and we look forward to their input on this item at our next meeting.

Meeting ended at 8:25pm.

**Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm.**