

MINUTES for PPC MEETING: December 13th, 2023

Members Present: Father Jim, Father Ben, Deacon Lynn, Bridget Kenny, Pauline
 Maisonneuve, Natalie Lavigne, Greg Dixon, Uduak Akpan, Rod Randolph, Sue Szojka,
 Aofie Cahill, Terry Prenoslo, and Helen Doyle
 Guest: Crystal Cholin

Regrets: Garnett Genuis

AGENDA ITEM

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1. Opening Prayer/Gospel Reflection 2. Truth and Reconciliation Initiatives in our Catholic Schools: Crystal Cholin gave us an insight into her role as the Indigenous liaison within EICS: she connects with elders in the community and advises students on their relationships to us; they have celebrations involving bannock, tea, tepees and smudging to help students learn from rituals. Students learn some Cree language via song and the important thing is to build relationships with the Indigenous community through a greater appreciation of their culture. We have made progress, but more is needed; Crystal will give us some ideas on how we at OLPH can create a greater awareness of Indigenous history and culture within our church.	Father Jim	<u>1</u>
	Crystal Cholin	<u>2</u>
3. Review and Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved as presented.	Bridget	<u>3</u>
4. Review and approval of Minutes: The minutes were approved as distributed	Bridget	<u>4</u>
5. Pastor's Opening Comments: Father Jim advised that he attended a recent deanery meeting where parishes agreed to collaborate with each other on programs e.g. marriage prep, sacramental prep and other cost-saving initiatives. We need a coordinator for the 2 annual ICPM lunches at Bissell Centre.	Father Jim	<u>5</u>
5. Ministry Liaison: What have you heard? a) CWL: Pauline advised that in Dec. CWL provided a hot meal for 100 people at Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples, and held their Christmas social and prayer partner exchange. Some members expressed a need for a handicapped button to access the washroom in the basement. Elections will take place in January, and all activities will fall under either Faith, Service or Social Justice. b) K of C: Greg advised that there was an increased attendance for the Memorial Mass this year, there is a need to keep the member database current, the St. Valentine's Dinner and Gala will be held on February 10th with the live auction of a painting by Giselle Denis, Christmas Social will be held on December 19 th , Holy Hour on Dec. 27 th , next council meeting is on Jan. 2 nd , pancake breakfast on Jan. 21 st and Holy Hour on January 24 th . c) Correspondence: Nil d) All others: Nil	Pauline	<u>6</u>
	Greg	
	Father Jim All	
7. Action Items: Four items from the list were completed and therefore deleted; the other items will remain on the list		
	Bridget	<u>7</u>

<p>8. Generative Discussion: Father Jim advised of the Pastoral and Evangelical Priorities of the Archdiocese for 2024-2026: to invite families to the full experience of the faith, to provide foundational education to parents, children and schools and listen to discern the needs people are asking of us; those priorities are based on worship, witness and service from Living in the Word by the Archbishop in 2017. We need leaders from OLPH to implement those priorities, starting in May, 2024. We hope to have a committee in place by year end to give ideas on actions to be carried out. PPC members are encouraged to submit names for committee members, with the final selection done by Father Jim.</p> <p>9. Standing Reports:</p> <p>a) Liturgy: Sue Szojka advised that: Rita Sandmaier will join the committee as coordinator of Eucharistic Ministers, we can now sign up for volunteer positions 2 months in advance on Sign-up Genuis, 3 new techs have been trained for AV and there will soon be a digital display of events at the office entrance and in the foyer, contacts and content for the Liturgy ministry are on the OLPH website, Christmas Bulletin will contain additional information to ensure parishioners are aware of little-known facts, the second proclaimer will lead the Stewardship Prayer after Mass on weekends, and Father Jim will determine if youth altar servers should carry lit candles in the Adoration/Benediction procession. It is recommended that volunteers be registered at the parish office.</p> <p>b) Finance/Parish Business Report: Terry advised that the parish is in a sound financial position, and we should exceed our Together We Serve target in 2023, work is continuing on the preparation of a detailed scope for the roofing project, pricing for audio visual upgrades for the foyer should be finalized soon, upgrading of the fluorescent lights to LED is continuing, the maintenance committee will have a meeting with other parishes to exchange ideas and costs, and will have a repair log in the office to note deficiencies needing the attention of the maintenance committee.</p> <p>Sunday Missals are now available for purchase in the office and in the store, OLPH will apply for a Canada Summer Jobs grant in January, 2024 and the program will be administered by one of the students hired under the program.</p> <p>c) 1. Parish/School Relations: Natalie advised that: priests are busy with school visits-greatly appreciated by schools, a meeting was held with EICS school admin and parish staff to discuss how to get more families involved in the parish, school Masses were scheduled for Ash Wednesday, a PD day here to include a Q and A session with Father Jim on May 3, 2024, and a discussion on how schools and the parish can collaborate in evangelization.</p> <p>Several Advent concerts/ Masses will be held at OLPH in Dec.: Dec.7th-ABJ choir and Band, with the Advent Mass to be held in the gym on Dec.14th, Dec.13th-St. Nicholas Concert, Dec.15th-Madonna Catholic School concert, Dec. 20th-St. Theresa's School, Dec. 21st-Holy Redeemer School, and Dec.22nd-Madonna School coming for Mass at 10AM.</p>	<p>Father Jim</p> <p>Sue Szojka</p> <p>Terry Prenoslo</p> <p>Arden Playford</p> <p>Natalie</p>	<p><u>8</u></p> <p>2</p>
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<p>2. Sacraments: 49 children received the Eucharist for the first time on the weekend of December 2nd and 3rd, the winter session for First Reconciliation and First Communion will begin in January, 43 youth were confirmed by Archbishop Smith on December 6th, the spring session for Confirmation preparation will begin in February, and 3 new EICS teachers have volunteered to assist with Confirmation prep in the second semester.</p> <p>3. Youth Ministry: ELEVATE youth conference with Face-to-Face ministries will be held on Jan.24th, to date, 23 youth have registered, and are waiting for job descriptions from Face-to-Face Ministries</p> <p>e) Visioning Update: Nil Report</p> <p>f) Youth: Father Jim will meet with the youth minister from St. Theresa's in the new year and get ideas from him.</p>	Natalie	
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<p>10: New Business:</p> <p>a) Compassionate Parish: Father Jim advised that OLPH will start a program in 2024 to assist parishioners with palliative care concerns and to offer support to take people to appointments and other everyday activities. Information will be in the Bulletin.</p> <p>b) January 2024 PPC Meeting: Reports will be available one week prior to the meeting so more time can be devoted to brainstorming during our 2-hour time frame. Bridget will send an E-mail to remind members to have their reports done early.</p>	Father Jim	<u>10</u>
<p>11. Wrap-up</p> <p>a) Challenges and Blessings Roundtable:</p> <p>b) Next PPC Meeting-Wednesday, January 10th at 6:30PM</p> <p>c) Closing Prayer</p> <p>Adjournment-Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM</p>	Bridget All Bridget Father Ben Bridget	<u>11</u>

ACTION ITEMS

Date	Action Item	Person Responsible	Due Date	Status	Date Completed	Comments
December 13 th , 2023	Advise members to have reports to the chair one week prior to PPC meeting	Bridget	January 3 rd , 2024			
October 11 th , 2023	Contact Youth Minister from St. Theresa's and invite him to a meeting	Father Jim	February 21 st , 2024			
December 13 th , 2023	Add Indigenous topic to agenda: Standing Reports	Bridget	January 10 th , 2024			
December 13 th , 2023	Give names of potential committee members for Pastoral and Evangelization Priorities to Father Jim	All	December 31 st , 2023			
November 8 th , 2023	Put info in the Bulletin about the importance of hospitality at Masses and encourage parishioners to volunteer	Father Jim	February 21 st , 2024			

KEY Decisions/Conversations:

- **OLPH will establish a committee to carry out the priorities established by the Edmonton Archdiocese.**