MINUTES for PPC MEETING: September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Members Present: Father Jim, Uduak Akpan, Rod Randolph, Mary-Lou Veeken,
Natalie Lavigne, Ron Ross, Sue Szojka, Aoife Cahill, Stefan Johnson and Helen Doyle. Regrets: Greg Dixon, Deacon Lynn and Bridget Kenny

AGENDA ITEM	<u>LEADER</u>	
1.Opening Prayer/Gospel Reflection	Rod	<u>1</u>
2. Review and Approval of Agenda: the agenda was amended to add F-World	Uduak	_
Youth Day 2027 and G-Parish Groups/Ministry Contacts to #8-New Business; also		<u>2</u>
in #8, add Sue to leader for Safe Environment Training and change Sue to Father		
Jim for Senior Housing Project		
3. Review and approval of <b>Minutes</b> : Approved as distributed	Uduak	<u>3</u>
4. Pastor's Opening Comments: Father Jim welcomed all to another PPC year,	Father Jim	4
and advised that we still do not have a bishop for the Archdiocese and that the visas		_
of our 2 priests from India were not approved, may need to cut services to schools		
and care homes due to shortage of priests. There are considerations being made for		
a Lenten Mission for 2026, with the theme of Marriage and the family; we need to		
support families and remind them that the church is always with them. Lots of work		
being done to validate marriages and increase opportunities for sacraments.		
5. Ministry Liaison: What have you heard?	Mary-Lou	<u>5</u>
a) CWL: Mary-Lou advised that: Masses with CWL intentions and hosted Holy		
Hour on July 16 <sup>th</sup> and August 20 <sup>th</sup> , honor guards were provided at members'		
funerals for: Angela Kryba, Leslie Park and Nadine Hooper, provided hospitality		
for Pastoral Priorities Sunday on July 6 <sup>th</sup> , served supper to at Face2Face Ministries		
Ignite Camp on July 24 <sup>th</sup> , sent 17 greeting cards in June, July and Aug. to members		
and parishioners for events of note and special occasions; eight Mass intentions		
were offered.		
<b>Upcoming Events:</b> General meeting was held on Sept. 8 <sup>th</sup> with Metis speaker,		
Candida Shepherd on Indigenous Culture and Reconciliation, Masses with CWL		
intentions and hosting of Holy Hour-Sept. 17 <sup>th</sup> , Apple Pie making on Sept. 17 <sup>th</sup> ,		
presentation to JETS on Sept. 26 <sup>th</sup> , Edmonton Diocesan Executive meeting on Sept.		
. 27 <sup>th</sup> in Wetaskiwin, will join with K of C for Chili Fest on Oct. 18 <sup>th</sup> , next executive		
meeting is on Oct. 6 <sup>th</sup> and general meeting is on Oct. 14 <sup>th</sup> .		
b) K of C: Uduak advised that: K of C and CWL are hosting a Chili Dinner on Oct.		
18 <sup>th</sup> , tickets will be on sale the weekend of Sept. 27 <sup>th</sup> , K of C and CWL will have		
the annual memorial Mass on Nov. 13 <sup>th</sup> , and the next pancake breakfasts will be on	*** 1	
Sept. 21st, Oct. 26th and Nov. 16th after the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses	Uduak	
c) Correspondence: N/A	TT 1 1	
d) All others: N/A.	Uduak	
It was recommended by Natalie that CWL and K of C reports be changed to	Natalie	
Standing Reports. This recommendation was agreed to by all members.		
<b>6. Action Items:</b> The first item on the list will be deleted as it is complete, and the	Uduak	<u>6</u>
second one will remain on the list. Two new items were included on the list as per		_
the Action Items Table below.		
7. Generative Discussion: As a parish community, what should we focus on this		
church year?		<u>7</u>
Formation for Eucharistic Worship, Formation for Confident Witness, Formation		
for Service to Families and Marriage, e.g. Compassionate Parish?		
Many good ideas were suggested by parishioners, and it's difficult to narrow them		
down to achievable items, but we will focus on those most relevant.	Uduak	
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Hospitality Sundays are a great success-bringing together families, seniors and other small groups to volunteer together. Should we look at this for every Sunday, with less cost only have coffee, tea and juice? Or, have parishioners volunteer the snacks? Advent may be a good time to ask volunteers to contribute snacks. Family friendly adoration is well-received and could be shared with other parishes. Also, our blessing of married couples on the first Sunday of the month is supporting marriages and families and work is ongoing to validate marriages,. Plans are underway to produce a video on prayer.  8. New Business:	Uduak	
a) Arrival of new Priests: Firm dates not available-lawyers are involved	Father Jim	
b) New Parish Business Coordinator: Father Jim advised that the position is still vacant, and the work has been divided up among the current staff-one applicant declined the position. Deacon Arden will ensure that the books are in order on a monthly basis. Members were asked to advise Father Jim if you know of a suitable person for this job.	Father Jim	<u>8</u>
c) Sanctuary Beautification: Contractors did a great job, and the main altar will go back to its original position this weekend-will help us to grow in our relationship	Father Jim	
with Jesus.  d) Safe Environment Training Update: Sue advised that all volunteers have been advised of requirements and most have completed the courses.	Sue	
e) Senior Housing Project: Father Jim advised that the next step is rezoning of the land, to be done by the County, will likely be delayed till after the election on Oct. 20 <sup>th</sup> . Next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 11 <sup>th</sup> .	Father Jim	
f) World Youth Day 2027 Seoul: Natalie advised that a meeting is scheduled for Sept. 18 <sup>th</sup> and parishes are encouraged to join with the Archdiocese to send a group of delegates. The Young Adults group will be advised of this and that OLPH can assist in fund-raising for the costs.	Natalie	
g) Parish Groups/Ministry Contacts: Natalie advised that changes have been made to this list and Uduak will revise and send to the responsible PPC ministry contacts.	Natalie/Uduak	
<ul> <li>9. Standing Reports:</li> <li>a) Liturgy: Sue advised that: Members of the Committee and their spouses enjoyed the Grateful Gathering on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Proposed changes to create efficiencies to the Mass will be discussed at the Sept. meeting, and Liturgy Council welcomes ideas about Mass from PPC and others.</li> </ul>	Sue	
b) Finance/Parish Business Report: Ron advised that: ordinary receipts to end of July are similar to 2024, the Canada Summer Jobs project was very successful, the sanctuary tile work is almost completed, new fans were installed in the roof to provide better air movement and planning is underway to repair the ceiling and replace the carpet. Money from the Children's collection will be discussed at the	Ron	<u>9</u>
Cotober meeting c). Parish Team Update: Parish School Relations: Natalie advised that: Deacon Arden retired at the end of August, summer students finished at the end of August and completed many projects. Three of the students will remain on weekend staff, in addition to one new person, EICS had their Opening Day Mass here on August 27 <sup>th</sup> , including a smudge ceremony followed by keynote speaker-Val Limar Jansen; school theme for the year is: Growing together in Christ's Love, weekly classroom visits are on hold due to our priest shortage, Sept and October, Masses are booked for the church, as well as grade 4 Bible blessings, and retreats at Camp Van Es and Birch Bay. During Advent, the evening Masses from December 8 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> will be	Natalie	
moved to 5:45 to accommodate concerts.		

d) Sacraments: Currently supporting 44 couples preparing for Marriage/Con-		
validation in 2025, and 142 for next year, 19 weddings were celebrated here plus 4		
con-validations, 66 children were baptized and preparation classes are held on the		
on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, and registrations for Reconciliation, First Holy		
Communion and Confirmation Preparation are open.		
e) Youth: OLPH youth gatherings continued over the summer Vacation Bible	Natalie	
Camp was well-attended and we need a director for next year as Sharon Darbyshire		
is retiring, the IGNITE Face-To-Face Ministries Youth Camp was a huge success,		
with 50 youth attending-we will discuss having a similar camp in 2026, and Face-		
To-Face Ministries is booked for January 2026 for the ELEVATE Youth		
Conference here.	Natalie	
f) Hospitality/Priority Sunday: This initiative is well-received and volunteers are		
stepping up to assist, 100 people attended the Canonization Party for St. Carlo		
Acutis on September 7 <sup>th</sup> , GIFT unlocking the mysteries of the Bible will start on		
September 16 <sup>th</sup> , 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory starts on Sept. 11 <sup>th</sup> , session on the	Natalie	
Holy Spirit with Father Hysell will be on September 25 <sup>th</sup> , Catholic Education Week		
is October 19 <sup>th</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup> , Grateful Advocates for Catholic Education Youth Summit is		
on October 24 <sup>th</sup> , and CWL will be asked to assist-check for microphone in meeting		
room		
g) Pastoral Priorities Plan: Stefan advised that: Mass livestreaming continues to		
serve seniors and housebound parishioners, 33 Days of Eucharistic Worship had	Stefan	
strong participation last year and another series begins in Sept. new prayer video		
series will be available soon, successful outreach to Paulatuk and reverse		
collections, plans are in place to highlight the dignity of life and educate		
parishioners on moral issues, including MAID, exploring a video to explain		
Catholic beliefs and promote social justice, considering a Lenten Mission in year 3		
focusing on Confident Witness, Marriage and Family Life, blessings of married		
couples and con-validations have been warmly received, a hospitality sign-up blitz		
will take place in Sept. to encourage families to participate-schools will be asked to		
volunteer as well, a parish prayer booklet is being developed, the annual report will		
be revised and distributed, promote Eucharistic study groups, ministry highlight		
slides will be prepared for fall recruitment, advance apologetics content planning		
and youth involvement opportunities, and begin Parish Mission planning process.		
h) Other Business: N/A.		
10. Wrap-up:	Uduak	<u>10</u>
a) Challenges and Blessings:	Uduak	10
b) Next PPC Meeting: October 8th, 2025-6:30PM	All	
c) Closing Prayer:	Uduak	
d) Adjournment-meeting adjourned at 8:45PM	Father Jim	
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## **ACTION ITEMS**

Date	Action Item	Person	<b>Due Date</b>	Status	Date	Comments
		Responsible			Completed	
Sept. 10 <sup>th</sup> ,2025	Have a copy of the	Helen	October			
	Constitution for all members		8 <sup>th</sup> , 2025			
March 12 <sup>th</sup> ,	Look for opportunities to be	All	Continuing			
2025	a Compassionate Parish					
Sept. 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	Send a revised copy of	Uduak	October			
	Ministry Liaison Contacts to		7 <sup>th</sup> , 2025			
	all					