

St. Margaret Mary Pastoral Council Meeting

Date: September 28, 2023

Attendance: Fr. Adam, Deacon René, Bruce Coughlan, Rose Del Grosso, Kim Drotar, Sarah Mandarano, Marilyn Sturtevant

1. Parish Website and Bulletin
 - a. Sarah is responsible for updating the website; requests can go to her
 - b. Updates to be made to the website: Replace photos of past priests with Fr. Adam, add a spot to display photos of parish events, add pages for the CWL and K of C
 - c. Revisited the possibility of printing our own bulletins
 - i. Would give the parish more control
 - ii. Could save the parish money
 - iii. Would need to contact advertisers
 - iv. Would need someone capable of formatting and publishing the bulletins
 - v. Connect with Ilaria from Immaculate Heart of Mary to get advice on printing our own bulletins
 - d. Bulletin logistics
 - i. Fr. Adam would like to designate someone to update the website/bulletin during off-hours or when others are on holidays
 - ii. Could hire high school students to do tasks such as inserting flyers
 - iii. Could email out bulletins (sign up on website to be added to mailing list)
 - iv. Add to the bulletin: Parishioners can make online donations via CanadaHelps
2. Youth Ministry
 - a. Pushed to next meeting
3. Upcoming Events
 - a. Bazaar
 - i. Planning meeting on October 5, 7 PM, which is open to everyone
 - b. Advent and Christmas activities
 - i. Pushed to next meeting
 - c. Memorial Mass
 - i. November 9
 - d. Feast of St. Margaret Mary
 - i. Bishop Bergie coming October 16, 7 PM
 - ii. Next year: remember that her feast is on October 20
 - e. Future: Corpus Christi
 - i. Outdoor Eucharistic procession as important public manifestation of our faith and devotion to the Blessed Sacrament

4. Open Discussion

- a. Host groups for Holiday receptions
 - i. Thanksgiving Monday: *Haiti Group? (Marilyn to talk to Jim)*
 - ii. Family Day: Confirmation team and newly confirmed
 - iii. Victoria Day: *Mens & Womens Groups?*
 - iv. Canada Day: CWL
 - v. Civic Holiday: K of C
 - vi. Labour Day: Parish Council hosts, parishioners bake
- b. Coffee Sundays
 - i. Would be nice to do once a month
- c. New board for hymn numbers
 - i. Current board cannot be seen from everywhere in the church
 - ii. Liturgical Council looking into getting a second board for the other side
 - iii. Hymns will be announced going forward
- d. Accessible washroom needs a new dryer
 - i. Attn: Mario

Next meeting: Thursday, October 26 at 6:30 PM