


**Parish of the Precious Blood Pastoral Council Meeting**

**Minutes of: October 15, 2015 – St. Mary's, Presque Isle**

	<p align="center"><b><u>2015</u></b> <b><u>Pastoral Council Officers</u></b></p> <p align="center"><b>President</b> Father Jean-Paul Labrie</p> <p align="center"><b>Chair</b> David Caron (St. Joseph – Mars Hill)</p> <p align="center"><b>Vice-Chair</b> Bob LeBlanc (Holy Rosary – Caribou)</p> <p align="center"><b>Secretary</b> Barb Caron (St. Joseph – Mars Hill)</p>	<p align="center"><b><u>Mission Statement</u></b></p> <p><b>We, the members of the Parish of the Precious Blood, believe we have been called by God to use our time, talent and treasure to serve God and his children. We seek to be a community of faith, hope and love in union with the Holy Spirit.</b></p> <p><b>Empowered by the Eucharist, we are dedicated to proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus taught by the Roman Catholic Church through prayer, worship, sacraments, education and service. We renew our dedication to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, attempting always, in all things, to love as Jesus loves.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Attendees:</u></b></p> <p><b>Bob LeBlanc</b> Holy Rosary; <b>Jim Savage</b> Holy Rosary; Sacred Heart; St. Catherine;</p> <p><b>George Montee</b> St. Denis; <b>Dave Caron,</b> St. Joseph; <b>Sue Dugal,</b> St. Louis; <b>Chris Grover,</b> St. Mark; St. Mary;</p> <p><b>Debbie Cyr,</b> St. Theresa; Our Lady of the Lake</p> <p><u>Parish of the Precious Blood - Rep:</u> <b>Fr. Jean-Paul Labrie</b> <b>Janet Beckwith</b> <b>Stella Carlstrom</b></p> <p><u>Other Parishioners:</u> <b>Barb Caron, Janette McBurnie,</b></p>		
Topic		Decision/Action	Responsible Party	Follow-Up	Resolved Date
Opening Prayer	The meeting was called to order by Dave Caron at 6:00 PM. Fr. Labrie opened the meeting in prayer.		Fr.Labrie		
Minutes		<b><u>Motion:</u></b> Chris Grover made the motion to accept the <u>Minutes of September 17, 2015 as presented. <b>Seconded</b> by Debbie Cyr. <b>Motion carried.</b></u>	Dave Caron		

Old Business					
<b>Election of Officers</b>		<b>Election of Officers:</b> Motions were made, seconded and passed for the Election of Officers as follows: <b>Secretary:</b> Barb Caron - Motion by Sue Dugal, Seconded by Debbie Cyr <b>Vice Chair:</b> Bob LeBlanc - Motion by Jim Savage, Seconded by Debbie Cyr <b>Chair:</b> Dave Caron - Motion by Chris Grover, Seconded by Debbie Cyr	Fr. Labrie		Ongoing
<b>Update Terms Update Poster</b>	Appointment of members to the Pastoral Council, the need to update terms and update the Pastoral Council Membership Poster was tabled till the next meeting.			Tabled till next meeting	
<b>Communication Protocol Phone Tree</b>	Janet is still waiting for response from various church sites on the 2 Contact Persons needed to fulfill the Communication Protocol. She is also requesting that Phone Trees/Contact list for various church sites be put in place and a copy be submitted to her. Large sites such as St. Mary's and Holy Rosary do not use phone trees; contact is usually done by e-mail.	<b>Once the information is gathered (contacts - 2 members from each church site) a copy should go to the Pastor, Communication Committee Chair and Chair of the Pastoral Council requested a copy.</b>	<b>Pastoral Council</b>		Ongoing
<b>Communication Staff Person</b>	Sue Dugal shared that at this time more guidance is needed as to their next step. Chairperson, Dave shared not to give up and the need has not been dropped. It is important to keep in mind that the job description should not interfere with the job descriptions of the existing employees. Target the need and get educated decisions. Sue, your work is greatly appreciated!	<b>Fr. Labrie shared that hiring a communication staff person will not happen this fiscal year. Although, the Finance Committee is aware that the Communication Committee through the Church &amp; Family Life Commission is hoping to have things move forward; they are still waiting for a more defined job description. Fr. stated that many things have been accomplished this year and he is very grateful for the work that has been done.</b>	<b>Sue Dugal</b>		Ongoing
<b>Discernment Sunday Results</b>	<u>St. Louis:</u> Sue Dugal shared that perhaps we should prepare our parishioners ahead of Discernment Sunday; so they are more aware of what is happening. Info on each commission or ministry may be helpful. In general, St. Louis had the same sign-ups. <u>St. Mark's:</u> Chris Grover - had a good response. <u>St. Joseph's:</u> Dave Caron - new sign-ups; great opportunity to have new people on board.	<b>Fr. Labrie - this being the second year; people were better able to understand the purpose and the opportunity for them to recommit themselves to various ministries.</b>  <b>Important for us to connect with any new sign-ups right away.</b>		Informational	

<b>Visioning Reunion Results</b>	<u>St. Denis:</u> Jeannette McBurnie - Communication is necessary. Janet Beckwith: Personal Contact yields a higher % of participation.  21 people present - Jason Parent still interested. Great reports - good works are being accomplished.	<b>Fr. Labrie: Reunion Intent: to make sure that the brainstorming and hard work already accomplished through the Visioning Group was shared and that we had identified issues and set out a vehicle to accomplish them.</b>		Informational	
<b>New Business</b>					
<b>St. Michael's Prayer</b>	George Montee asked if it was possible to have St. Michael's Prayer recited at the end of Mass. He stated that it is important to be aware that this prayer is a powerful weapon to combat satan.	<b>Fr. Labrie stated that this needs to be presented to the Worship &amp; Spirituality Commission. In your proposal to them be rational and state the purpose of wanting to do so.</b>	George Montee		Ongoing
<b>Commission Reports</b>					
<b>Social Justice &amp; Peace: HOPE</b>	Danielle Langille		Danielle Langille		
<b>Worship &amp; Spirituality</b>	Lynn Pelli, Chair - not present Norm Johnson, Co-Chair		Lynn Pelli,		
<b>Faith Formation Commission</b>	Corey Morin, Youth Minister – Not Present  Faith Formation - Stella Carlstrom	<u><b>See Attached Report - 2015 October Youth Ministry</b></u>	Corey Morin  Stella Carlstrom	Informational	
<b>Church and Family Life</b>	<u>Sue Dugal, Chair</u> <u>Communication</u> Facilitator: Jim Savage <u>Strengthening the Family</u> Facilitator: Rena Lagasse <u>Sharing the Faith</u> Facilitator: Cathy Bowker (New) <u>Internal Hospitality</u> Facilitator: (Need New Spokesperson) <u>External Hospitality</u> Facilitator: Nancy Saucier		Sue Dugal		

<b>Pastoral Report</b>					
<b>Pastoral Report</b>	Fr. Labrie shared the following:	<p><b>October: Month of the Rosary</b></p> <p>December 8, 2015 begins the Holy Year of Mercy in the Diocese of Portland.</p> <p>Fr. Labrie shared that Pope Francis stated that Mercy is connected with Reconciliation: People are looking. Go out and encounter them. Be welcoming, have a willingness to love them, to forgive and to nourish hope in their lives. Pope Francis also tells us to enjoy ourselves as we reach out to others. He definitely radiated love and seemed very happy!</p> <p>Mercy &amp; Reconciliation need to be made a priority in the lives of our parishioners.</p> <p>Families are in crisis - for many reasons!</p> <p>Reconciliation - a priority in Youth Ministry - highlight the need.</p>	Fr. Labrie	Informational	
<b>Other Business</b>					
<b>Magnificat Choir</b>	Pastoral Council members present would like to have them invited to perform a concert in the near future.	<b>Magnificat Choir: Beautiful, Angelic &amp; Inspiring!</b>			
<b>Next Meeting</b>					
<b>Calendar</b>	<b>Next Meeting:</b>	<b>Date: November 19, 2015 - St. Mary's @ 6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Dave Caron</b>		
<b>Adjournment</b>	Adjournment - 7:15 p.m. - in prayer.				