


Parish of the Precious Blood Pastoral Council Meeting
Minutes of: November 19, 2015 – St. Mary's, Presque Isle

	<p><u>2015</u> <u>Pastoral Council Officers</u></p> <p>President Father Jean-Paul Labrie</p> <p>Chair David Caron (St. Joseph – Mars Hill)</p> <p>Vice-Chair Bob LeBlanc (Holy Rosary – Caribou)</p> <p>Secretary Barb Caron (St. Joseph – Mars Hill)</p>	<p><u>Mission Statement</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p><u>Attendees</u></p> <p>Bob LeBlanc Holy Rosary; Holy Rosary;</p> <p>Betty Thompson Sacred Heart; St. Catherine;</p> <p>Cathy Bowker St. Denis;</p> <p>Dave Caron, St. Joseph;</p> <p>Sue Dugal, St. Louis;</p> <p>Chris Grover, St. Mark;</p> <p>Leah Girardin St. Mary; St. Theresa; Our Lady of the Lake</p> <p><u>Parish of the Precious Blood - Rep:</u> <i>Fr. Jean-Paul Labrie</i></p> <p><u>Other Parishioners:</u> Lynn Pelli - W&S Chairperson Irene Ellis, Barb Caron</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		<u>Motion:</u> Bob Leblanc made the motion to accept the <u>Minutes of September 17, 2015 as read. Seconded by Sue Dugal. Motion carried.</u>	Dave Caron		

Old Business

<p>Update Terms</p>	<p>The following members were appointed on the Pastoral Council. Fr. Labrie will make contact with parishioners to finalize the appointments and to update terms.</p>	<p>Corinne Routhier/Primary - Our Lady of the Lake Cathy Bowker/Primary - St. Denis, Fort Fairfield Mary Ellen Chasse/Alternate - St. Mark, Ashland Chris Grover/Primary - St. Mark, Ashland Leah Girardin/Alternate - St. Mary, Presque Isle</p>	<p>Fr. Labrie</p>		<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>Update Poster</p>	<p>Poster: Request has been made for the Primary Members of the Pastoral Council to bring in a picture of themselves to be placed on the Poster.</p>				<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>Communication Protocol Phone Tree</p>	<p>Sue Dugal presented the following contacts for the various church sites:</p>	<p>St. Louis: Sue Dugal - 325-8877 Wayne Spink - 325-3458 St. Denis: Chip Beckwith - 416-5576 Cathy Bowker - 907-9196 St. Mary: Leah Girardin - 764-6226 Kim Theriault - Holy Rosary: Tony Lahey - 551-2030 Bob Leblanc - 493-1458 Our Lady of the Lake: Corinne Routhier Wayne Gagnon Sacred Heart: Dale Plourde Betty Thompson - 498-8741 St. Catherine: Rodney Bourgoin Cheryl Bolstridge Polly Albert St. Joseph: Dave Caron - 425-7885 Patti McCrum - 227-4156 St. Mark: Sheila Nemers Chris Grover - 435-2591 St. Theresa: Rosemary Hede Debbie Cyr - 896-3409</p>	<p>Sue Dugal</p>		<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>Communication Staff Person</p>	<p>Chairperson, Dave shared the following:</p>	<p>We, the Pastoral Council, are still working on this to make sure that we are not duplicating work that is covered by our existing staff. Fr. Labrie & I will be meeting and discussing our present employee's job descriptions. Hopefully, I can report back to you at our January meeting and we will progress & move forward.</p>	<p>Dave, Fr. Labrie</p>		<p>Ongoing</p>

New Business					
Banners: Year of Mercy	Fr. Labrie shared that the 'Year of Mercy' Banners are in for each church site.	The Year of Mercy begins December 8, 2015 and ends November 31, 2016. Each church site should have their banners up by the 2nd week of Advent; hug outside except for two of the smaller parishes, where they will be hung inside. These banners should be visible and seen from the road.	Fr. Labrie Pastoral Council	Informational	
Recognition for our Volunteers	<p>Lynn Pelli, W&S Chairperson shared that her Committee feels that our parishioners who keep our parish life going should be recognized. The W&S Committee is looking for direction from the Pastoral Council on how to proceed and what can be done.</p> <p>One idea that the Committee had was to do a mailing sending thank you cards with a free admission to the Dinner Auction for HOPE.</p> <p>Lynn shared that there will be volunteers that will want to remain anonymous and we should abide to their wishes.</p>	<p>Fr. Labrie asked if <u>all volunteers</u> were to be recognized. It was the consent of the Council & Fr. Labrie to include <u>all volunteers both liturgical, non-liturgical, non Catholics, anyone who does some type of work to better the Parish of the Precious Blood.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We need to recognize even 1 activity that a person may be doing. This may be someone who serves as a money counter to someone who volunteers in our thrift shop or food pantries. ▪ On Recognition Sunday, volunteers of the Parish of the Precious Blood will wear ribbons to signify their volunteerism. ▪ Each church site needs to put together a list of volunteers - <u>this list needs to be completed by March 19, 2016.</u> ▪ <u>Recognition of our volunteers will take place on Pentecost Sunday, May 15, 2016.</u> ▪ Chairperson, Dave stated that we should use the Communication Protocol to initiate contacts. <p>Catholic Leadership Institute Leaders Training: Fr. Labrie stated that training will take place at the Parish Center from 9am until 3pm in Caribou on August 30 & 31, 2016.</p> <p>Parishioners will be asked to come forward and attend 6 sessions/meetings that will take place at Holy Rosary in Caribou and St. Mary's in Houlton. These gatherings will give us a chance to see the results of our Faith</p>	Fr. Labrie Pastoral Council		Ongoing
Catholic Leadership Institute Leaders Training			Comm. Protocol		
Disciple Maker	Fr. Labrie shared that during this coming Lent parishioners will be asked to answer a series of questions to create a Faith Profile of our Parish. Contact will be done through email with an		Fr. Labrie		Ongoing

	<p>established address for completion of this Faith Profile. For our parishioners who do not do email; we will designate a Saturday/Sunday where people can fill out a form to establish a Faith Profile.</p> <p>All Catholics even if not registered or not going to Church will be asked to participate and encouraged to take part in creating a Faith Profile of our Parish.</p> <p>Fr. Labrie will attend a session December 11, 2015 to discuss further details that will take place in formulating the Disciple Maker - Faith Profile of our Parish. He will have specifics and more info to share with the Pastoral Council at our January meeting.</p>	<p>Profile, what it means and how we can move forward in Evangelization. These meetings will take place from 1pm until 6 pm; and will take place during the following dates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. May 3, 2016 2. June 15, 2016 3. July 14, 2016 4. August 9, 2016 5. September 7, 2016 6. October 6, 2016 <p>Parishioners participating are encouraged to attend all 6 sessions.</p> <p><u>*See attached Schedule - C.L.I. Leaders Training & Disciple Maker Index</u></p>			
Commission Reports					
Social Justice & Peace: HOPE	<p>Fr. Labrie, Chairperson</p> <p>Contact Person: Danielle Langille</p>	<p>Fr. Labrie shared that Social Justice & Peace, HOPE, is meeting monthly. They are reorganizing themselves after losing Sr. Mary and things are going good.</p>	Fr. Labrie	Informational	
Worship & Spirituality	<p>Lynn Pelli, Chair - Chairperson</p> <p>Norm Johnson, Co-Chair</p>				
Recognition of: Ministries	<p>Lynn Pelli, W&S Chairperson shared that the Committee and Fr. Kyle would like to have recognition & commissioning for those who serve on our different ministries during the month of January. This would be a great follow-through to our Discernment of Gifts Sunday; the W&S Committee feel that it would open doors for volunteers.</p>	<p>Recognition & Commissioning - For those who serve on our Ministries. This would take place on 3 consecutive weekends in January/2016.</p>	Lynn Pelli,		Ongoing
Advent Prep	<p>Lynn shared the following:</p>	<p>A schedule is going out to our church sites on various 'Advent Talks' that will be occurring. These 'Advent Talks' will be given by Fr. Kyle and Fr. Alex will do a presentation on 'Christmas in India'.</p>		Informational	
Adult Altar Servers	<p>Our church sites are having difficulty in recruiting adult altar servers.</p>	<p>*See Attached Report - 2015 Nov Brief Report - Worship & Spirituality - Lynn Pelli</p>			

Faith Formation Commission	Corey Morin, Youth Minister – Not Present Faith Formation - Stella Carlstrom	<p>*See Attached Report - 2015 November Youth Ministry Journey Retreat - November 20-22, 2015 (8 youth + 3 chaperones attending)</p> <p>Stella has been ill & unable to render her report.</p>	Corey Morin Stella Carlstrom	Informational	
Church and Family Life	<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 <u>Internal Hospitality</u> Facilitator: Carl Gallagher <u>External Hospitality</u> Facilitator: Nancy Saucier	<p>Chairperson, Sue Dugal shared the following on our upcoming Christmas Fair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Christmas Fair - K of C Hall, Presque Isle ▪ December 5, 2015 - 8 am - 3 pm ▪ Live Music, Silent Auction, Children's Corner ▪ Raffle/Dinner with Fr. Labrie ▪ Wreath Making (50) - November 28, 9am, Holy Rosary ▪ Insert in bulletin - Family/Home Project - Advent Wreath & Prayers <p>*See attached Report - 2015 Brief Report - Church & Family Life</p>	Sue Dugal	Informational	
Pastoral Report					
Pastoral Report Our Youth:	Fr. Labrie shared the following:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sacrament Program - 2 Year Program ▪ Begins Gr. 2 - Completed Gr. 3 ▪ Confirmation in the Fall - A plus for us, we are not losing kids - hopefully students will continue through Gr. 4. (34 Candidates) ▪ Increase in attendance - St. Mary's, space is limited but we will find space for all students. ▪ Encourage presence of parents. An opportunity to educate parents; more parents are coming to church with their children. ▪ Our Youth Mass at St. Mary's in Presque Isle is generating alot of energy. Will be doing the Youth Masses at Holy Rosary in Caribou starting this winter into spring. ▪ We have seen an increase in our youth attending mass at other parishes as well. This energizes hope for the future of our Parish. 	Fr. Labrie	Informational	

<p>56% Participation</p> <p>Year of Mercy</p>	<p>December 8, 2015 through November 31, 2016</p>	<p><u>56% Participation Rate</u> in our Parishioner's Involvement in donations through the Catholic Appeal - We achieved the highest participation in our Diocese - A great opportunity for our parishioners to feel good; gives us a sense of knowing that we are moving in the right direction.</p> <p>Fr. Labrie asked that each church site choose an activity generated through the CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY or the SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY. We are to choose one activity. Fr. would like us to acknowledge the need within our communities and to work with it. This activity should be open to as many people as possible. By doing so, this will generate allot of good will toward the Parish of the Precious Blood.</p> <p><u>Examples:</u> <u>Corporal Works of Mercy:</u> Food Pantries, Nursing Home Visitations, Clothing the Naked.</p> <p><u>Spiritual Works of Mercy:</u> Praying for the dead.</p>	<p>Fr. Labrie Pastoral Council</p>		<p>Ongoing</p>
Other Business					
Next Meeting					
<p>Calendar</p>	<p>Next Meeting:</p>	<p>Date: January 21, 2016 - Holy Rosary, Caribou @ 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Dave Caron</p>		
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Adjournment - 7:20 p.m. - in prayer.</p>				