

MEETING MINUTES

DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL (DPC)

December 2, 2023
Club Jovial St. Anne

PARTICIPANTS

Archbishop LeGatt; Paulette Vielfaure Dupuis (Chair of the Committee for the Renewal & Growth of Parish Pastoral Councils; Chair of the Diocesan Pastoral Council); **James Kautz** (Director of Pastoral Services); **Abbé Francis Adzakor, Lorraine LeMoullec** (Notre-Dame de Lourdes); **Abbé Grégoire** (St-Adolphe et Ile-des-Chênes); **Thérèse Bourgoïn, Patrick Fredette, P Kevin Lereh, Lisa Reimer, Norbert Ritchot** (Sainte-Anne-des-Chênes); **Fr. Serge Buissé** (Saint-Joachim); **Michelle Wowchuck** (Saint-Norbert); **Michel Verrette** (Saints-Martyrs-canadiens); **Denis Foidart** (Saint-Pierre-Jolys); **Aurèle Boisvert, Hélène Delorme, Raynald Dupuis.**

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Read by Paulette Vielfaure Dupuis.

HOUSEHOLDS OF FAITH

Led by Mgr. LeGatt, handout provided.

WELCOME

Warm welcome to this meeting of Diocesan Pastoral Councils in French.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved as presented by: Patrick Fredette
Seconded by: Denis Foidart

APPROVAL OF APRIL 1, 2023 MINUTES

Moved as presented by: Norbert Ritchot
Seconded by: Lorraine LeMoullec

ICEBREAKER AND PRESENTATION BY JAMES KAUTZ

Icebreaker activity: "Questions and Answers".

Quick summary of the personal and professional experience that led James to being Director of Pastoral Services since August. His mission in this role is to assess the pastoral needs, to pay attention and be strategic in response. In this there is a call to evangelize more courageously, not just in action, but in word, more boldly.

First group exercise: "what is the definition of 'pastoral needs'?" Results: see gathered notes, translated and entrusted to James.

Question: Have certain resources inspired the direction of pastoral services? (Examples)

Answer: While resources like those mentioned (Matthew Kelly, etc.) help grow our knowledge, the application must be based on the unique needs of the diocese and its parishes.

Second group exercise: "identify two needs". Results: see notes gathered by James.

Conclusion: Overview of "Path to Missionary Discipleship" and intention of incorporating the results of the two group exercises into an Action Plan; increasing the number of adult baptisms in the diocese might be an interesting challenge to target, to inspire thinking of ways to tell people to hear "the ringing phone" of Jesus' call.

AFTERNOON PRESENTATION BY PAULETTE VIELFAURE-DUPUIS & RAYNALD DUPUIS

The twice annual DPC meetings are based on the needs that are expressed and try to cater to how they vary from parish to parish. April's meeting's theme was in response to one such need (how to record meeting minutes, how to set up an AGM, etc.). Today's meeting is in response to the desire for an action plan because, as we know, before setting up an action plan, there needs to be a mission, vision and values statement.

Mission, vision, values/beliefs - presentation of concepts with examples (see Powerpoint handout and workbook).

Evaluation of various parish and business mission, vision and values statements.

Discussion points:

1. What can especially be appreciated of the diocesan example is what it represents of the collective effort, work and time it took to make.
2. The action plan and how it is put into place can demonstrate the influence of the mission, vision, values statement. If it is no longer important or pertinent a system to monitor its re-evaluation should be considered.
3. It is important to always involve community leaders, especially those who don't sit on a council. Their input can be gathered by an ad hoc comity.

CONCLUSION AND FINAL BLESSING

Thanks to the participants, reminder to always keep prayer forefront in the process, thanks on behalf of the St. Anne council, distribution of written evaluation.