

MEETING MINUTES

DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL (DPC)

April 20, 2024
Diocesan Center

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); **Janice Cummine, Charlotte Leake** (Blessed Sacrament), **Fran Everett** (Christ the King), **Annette Young** (Holland Catholic Centre); **Peter Christle, Diane L'Arrivée** (Holy Cross); **Denise Campbell, Monique Desrosiers** (Holy Family); **Carla Kubiuk, Richard Warsza** (St. Alphonsus), **Gabriel Lemoine** (Saint-Anne); **Maureen Ferley, Doreen Howe** (St. Bernadette); **Claudette Dorge, Zorina Marzan Chang, Jacqueline Ratté Kohut** (St. Emile); **Ivy Claire Fraser** (St. Francis of Assisi, Pinawa), **Jake Paculaba** (St. Gerard); **Fr. Serge Buissé, Lisa Perrin** (Saint-Joachim); **Hector Gaglo** (St. Kizito); **Nicole Gabra** (Saints-Martyrs Canadiens); **Gisèle Maynard** (Saint-Malo); **Chris Kiazzyk, Shauna Neiser** (St. Mary's, Beausejour); **Mike Fritschij, Grace Grindean, Alesa Sutherland** (St. Timothy); **Nadine Fetherston** (Mary Mother of the Church); **Laurette Greenlay, Anita Thompson** (Notre-Dame du Lac, Lac du Bonnet); **John Gavloski** (Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Carman); **Eugene and Susanne Fortin** (Swan Lake Pastoral Centre); **Fr. Armand LeGal**.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Read by Paulette Vielfaure Dupuis.

WELCOME

Welcome to this meeting of Diocesan Pastoral Councils both French and English. This was the first time we used technology to make this a hybrid meeting, allowing remote attendees to participate virtually. The theme for this meeting is Conversation in the Spirit: A Synodal Process.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved as amended by: Alesa Sutherland
Seconded by: Shauna Neiser

APPROVAL OF NOV.-DEC. 2023 MINUTES

Moved as presented by: Fr. Serge Buissé
Seconded by: Lisa Perrin

HOUSEHOLDS OF FAITH

Presented by Paulette Vielfaure-Dupuis; table-groups follow prayer in handout.

SYNODAL PROCESS PRESENTED BY ARCHBISHOP LEGATT

Overview of the work done to give laypeople their voice in the church, including the formation of leaders who embrace the synodal reality of the parish.

The simplest definition of “synodal” an openness to listening to the Holy Spirit by listening to each other. There are several qualities to listening including humility which differentiates church committees from other kinds of committees. In a church, the goal is respect, communion, oneness in Christ. In this way, the parish councils in the diocese follow the recommendation of the Second Vatican Council.

The synodal effort is one launched by Pope Francis, of which there are two parts; the first focuses on listening, the second on having a spiritual conversation. For this latter, there is a model.

SPIRITUAL CONVERSATION STEPS BY PAULETTE VIELFAURE-DUPUIS

Conversation In The Spirit handout provided, with an explanation of how and when to use this tool. Group exercise (see group exercise notes). The notes from these sessions are to be gathered into a document to be submitted to the Conference of Canadian Catholic Bishops for the next stage of the universal Church’s synodal process.

CONCLUSION AND FINAL BLESSING

Concluding remarks and special thanks for this day. Evaluations.