

St. Joseph the Worker Parish

AGM Report: Parish Council Chair

May 15, 2016

Parish Council Plan

As this was Fr. Alfredo's first year with our parish, we decided to maintain the Parish Goals we had for 2015 and be more specific with strategies to fulfill our goals.

Knowing that all that we are flows from our liturgical and sacramental life, as a part of the Diocese of Victoria and our rich Roman Catholic tradition, we endeavour to achieve the following goals, objectives and strategies throughout the year 2015/2016 and into our future.

Our Parish Goals this year were:

1. Faith Formation and Vocation
2. Parish Outreach, Social and Ecological Justice and Ecumenism
3. Youth and Young Adults

Some Initiatives for this Year:

- We participated in the Diocesan Appeal; I Share, We Care. Our Goal has been met for the Diocesan Appeal. We met our goal and raised \$59,122.10. From this our parish receives percentage of the total equally approximately \$14,898.
- The mortgage on our building is now below \$146,457.79. Thank you to the money received from our Diocesan Appeal, donations and the hard work of our Finance Committee.
- We hosted:
 - Merciful like the Father (Feb-March 2016) and St. Paul-Christology in the Epistles and Hebrews (Sept – Oct 2015) with Dr. Les McKeown
 - Walking with Jesus, Youth Retreat Sept 2015 – Jesus Youth
 - Camp Imadene Youth Retreat April 2015 - Fr. Alfredo and Camille Nunn
 - Honouring God's Creation – Sept – Oct, 2015 (Sr. G. Jocksch)
 - Sessions 3 and 4 – Diocese of Victoria Pastoral Care Outreach
 - Lenten Mission:
 - Mar 15 – God's Mercy Through the Firmament – John Blakeslee
 - Mar 14 – Seeking and Finding Mercy in Everyday Life Events through the Gospel – Phil Jennings
- Pastoral Outreach Care - visit and bring Eucharist to those unable to attend Mass. Our new coordinator is Denise Kyfuik.
- Senior's Lunch Bunch meets one Wednesday each month. Coordinated by Alan Sequiera.

- We continue to build relationships with St. Joseph Elementary with monthly masses and the jointly hosted “Canada is for Kids” concert and the St. Joseph Annual Golf Tournament.
- Masithuthukisane Project: Our vision statement was developed; **Sowing Seeds . . . Connecting People**. We continue to support this commitment through fundraising. Efforts have been made to develop a relationship with the people of the Mariannahill Diocese in South Africa through visits, video presentations and pen pals. Through projects such as the concert and pasta dinner, we are close to meeting our financial commitment for this year.
- The Garden Project is jointly managed by the school and church community. A special thanks to Jamie Zwicker for spear heading the school’s involvement and to Gary, George, Karen, Brian, Edwin, and Doug for their tireless work to make sure the garden was ready for planting.

Parish Council:

We are grateful to these committed people who meet on our behalf:

Benedict Chow, Ted Corpus, JoAnne DiCastrì, Angela Faber, Robert Grant, Fr. Alfredo Monacelli, Marven Kelland, Wendy Payne (chair) George Philips, Cecilia Saunders, Sr. Marina Smith, Jeanine Woodman and Jennifer Smith (Admin Assistant).

This year we will say good-bye and thanks to these people who have served our parish so well:

Angela Faber	Wendy Payne
Jeanine Woodman	Cecilia Saunders

I would like to introduce two new members who will begin their service in September:

Carmelle Whitely
 Brian Fox

Thank you to all who give of their service and time to support our parish. Our parish community is so rich because we have dedicated people who get involved and work on our behalf. I would encourage you to think about joining our ranks of volunteers. I promise you will get more out of this than you give.

The Sacramental Life of our Parish:

During the year 2015 we experienced:

- 25 Baptisms – 2 through the RCIA program
- 35 Confirmations
- 30 First Communion

- 4 Marriages
- 140 Anointing of the Sick

12 Funerals: *In Memory:*

At this time we remember and continue to pray for parishioners who passed away since the last AGM. Please bow your heads in silence as we listen to these names read out.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
• Wayne Hendry	June 12, 2015
• Isabel Rodriguez	June 20, 2015
• William (Bill) Dunn	July 31, 2015
• Pauline Laprise	August 1, 2015
• Carol Webb Nicholson	September 17, 2015
• Raymond Boylan	October 30, 2015
• Patricia Chornoby	October 31, 2015
• Les Bettridge	December 6, 2015
• Joseph Kolarich	December 9, 2015
• Reid Kyfiuk	December 22, 2015
• Palma Colantonio	December 31, 2015
• Patricia Ann McCoy	May 5, 2016

It has been a busy year filled with living the joy of the gospel. We are a faithful and faith-filled community.

Fr. Alfredo Monticelli became our pastor on July 1st, 2015. We are grateful for his patience, kindness, cooking and attention to his parishioners.

I wish to thank you for the opportunity to serve you. It has been a rich and rewarding 4 and ½ years. I will continue to work with other parish ministries.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Payne,

Parish Pastoral Council Chair