Parish Pastoral Council AGM Report from Children's Religious Education/Sacramental Preparation June 14, 2015

To Council Members,

Sacramental Prep 1 and 2 started the year with meetings Sunday Sept. 21 at 9 and 11:15 am. As well The Parent Retreat for Sacramental Prep Year 1 took place Oct. 18.

Sacramental Prep classes began Sept. 28. Registration was completed with 12 children registered in Year 1, 24 children in Year 2 and seven in RCIC.

Laura and I attended a Catechist workshop in Parksville Sept. 27.

Year 2 and RCIC have attended Confirmation Session 1 and 2. In January Year 1 Reconciliation Session 1, 2, and took place and Year 2 will attended Communion Session 1, 2 and 3 with Laura.

In addition children attended Weekly Catechism and Sacramental Preparation classes in school classrooms. Year 2 met in the church after the 10 a.m. mass as the group was too big for a class room.

Catechism was able to begin when two Catechists volunteered for Grade 1. Five boys were registered in Grade 1.

And a Catechist led a small class for Grade 4-5.

The Year 1 Reconciliation Celebration was rescheduled to Saturday March 7, 2015 from Saturday March 14 because of Spring Break and 11 children received the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Year 2 families enjoyed Family Retreat, April 18, 2015.

And the Year 2 Confirmation and Communion Celebration was a wonderful celebration with Bishop Gary Gordon May 24, 2015 at 2 p.m.

I am unsure of who the Catechists are for 2015-2016 for Catechism or Sacramental Preparation.

The Grade 1 Catechist has moved. I anticipate having to look for Year 1 Catechists for Sacramental Prep, assuming the Year 1 Catechists from this year will move onto Year 2. Hopefully some will return. We will have to start looking for volunteers, as it had been difficult last September.

I will continue as Coordinator for another year.

Thank you, Jeanine Woodman, Coordinator, Children's Religious Education.