

St. Margaret Mary Pastoral Council Meeting

Date: November 21, 2024

Attendance: Fr. Adam, Deacon René, Bruce Coughlan, Rose Del Grosso, Sarah Mandarano, Edna Moreno

1. Marilyn will retire as Pastoral Minister at the end of December
 - a. Small reception to thank and honour her following 11 AM Mass on December 29th, with opportunity to leave her a note or well-wishes at other weekend Masses
 - b. Crucial to document all of Marilyn's notes and instructions for whoever will take her place

2. Youth Ministry update
 - a. One person has applied to the Youth Minister job posting on the diocesan website, and they are prepared to start soon
 - b. Fr. Adam to meet with Chancellor to discuss further, including whether the job can be expanded to a full-time position that includes the responsibilities of a Pastoral Minister
 - c. Consult Marilyn to advise regarding this possibility

3. Bulletin
 - a. Two people have shown interest in helping with the bulletin
 - b. A volunteer has spoken to the current publication company
 - c. Current contract expires at the end of November 2025
 - d. Main reasons for wanting to print our own bulletins are to be able to provide more information and to print in colour
 - e. In the new year, we will appeal to parishioners again for committed volunteers to help contact advertisers (Edna is willing to volunteer)
 - f. Will need to confirm pricing and set a contract for advertising
 - g. Will need to ensure printer can reliably print and fold
 - h. It might be cheaper to print elsewhere, like at Mohawk or McMaster
 - i. Aim to have things in place before the end of June 2025

4. Marydale Park for Parish Picnic
 - a. CYO has a new executive director; the current director is leaving in January 2025
 - b. Fr. Adam will meet with the new executive director in the new year to discuss previously discussed issues (i.e. removing the pride flag during our picnic)
 - c. It is essential to Fr. Adam and many parishioners to uphold the gospel message
 - d. Picnic Committee is open to moving to another location if the request is denied

5. Update on Wednesday morning school Mass
 - a. Working extremely well with the children, they are participating more and more
 - b. More parishioners have been attending

6. Adoration Chapel

- a. Concern that there is not enough lighting
 - This atmosphere is ideal for prayer
- b. Should be cleaned twice a week, currently only once

Next meeting: Thursday, January 23 at 7 PM