



- Need designated areas for discussions as room not suitable
- Unable to start on time, longer breaks than stated. I do not know how we finished on time as there seems lots of lost time.
- I think a show of hands for each parish would take less time than each ones introduction. As some are hard to hear and the use of the name tags provides names necessary for socializing.
- This was a repeat of the last meetings we have had. Even as we broke off into smaller groups by Deanery, the same comments were made over and over...
- Improve efficiency of registration and create a venue for this group to actually meet all these members of their family in Christ.
- Great lunch
- All went well, but feel a more healthy lunch would have been enjoyed
- Wish all our parish council had been here
- Great lunch and ladies did a great job
- Lunch needed a bit more time
- Facility was crowded; air flow (ventilation) was not great
- It would be helpful to see a complete example of a parish protocol plan...including Vision, Mission, Goals and Objectives
- Much thought has gone into this. Left here with a very positive attitude.

**3. List one or two facts or information learned today that you feel are of great importance to relay back to your parish council / deanery / religious community:**

- Diocesan Stewardship development
- Detail required for objectives
- Youth
- Learning what the meaning of Catechesis is all about
- To be very proud of your faith
- Mission statement
- How to contact inactive catholics
- How to educate our flock
- How to be more welcoming at church. Areas where Bishop's Appeal fund go to.
- "Do it with a smile on your face" When people see you smile, they want to participate. To start immediately with our action plans.
- Setting objectives, goals, etc. isn't an easy task. Bishop Albert said we have embarked on a journey and that there isn't any getting off. It isn't going to be easy.
- The reports were good and informative.
- Ideas from other parishes to contact lapsed members like the newsletters, birthday and anniversary cards
- Pride of your faith
- Different ideas on reaching inactive parishioners – hopefully they will work
- Good resource centre
- Website
- First Nations outreach program by deanery (6)
- Definitely take some ideas back to our parish from the talks of each deanery. Some good ideas shared here. Even if we implement only a few it's a start!
- Connecting with Social Justice Coordinator
- Workable ideas to implement in my parish ex: newsletter, testimonials
- Resource Centre material
- How to improve your parishes to bringing back our non active members
- Louis' report was well prepared
- Commitment and believe!
- That the inactive Catholics be treated the same as the active ones in keeping them informed as to what is happening in our parish and inviting them to participate in our activities
- Gathering into our deaneries was good "Beware of domineering people"
- Best part today: deanery gathering before lunch – a time of clear, genuine and relevant sharing, Fr. Travis's presentation; Bishop's remarks, good printed materials, resource center materials
- Objective setting break out session will help with our next step. In Parish need group input to get detailed action plan in order for it to work. Dynamic input.
- I was glad to have social justice explained in so many different aspects – it's a subject that has always been difficult for me to define.
- Amount of staff and resources available from the Diocesan centre!

- Ways of forming goals – now and later
- Great groups sessions
- Oblate Missionary Team
- Invite lapsed parishioners back to the fold
- Continuity of this position is very important. I have no previous knowledge of this organization. I have been on parish council for 3 years and have never received feedback from these meetings.
- Importance of mission and vision statement
- We share similar concerns
- Gave me more ideas on how to build youth group
- The goals liturgical, community life, catechism, evangelization etc. and objectives involved
- Report by Fr. Travis on how he came to priesthood, great speech and personal example to the every day person.
- Desire and intention for a more business approach to parish council planning process.
- Better understanding of resources available and directions of the Bishop.
- Objectives – great to work on them as a group
- Need to look back and see if we've accomplished what our original goal was
- Resource space
- Make sure that your priest is involved or what your parish is trying to accomplish.
- How to access information centre and some of the articles available.
- Where some of the money from Bishop's Appeal is used.
- Our mission and vision statements could be typed out and placed on our church bulletin board
- Our Bishop's participation is very well appreciated on every level
- That the Bishop and diocese is wanting a forward moving philosophy
- Think outside the box: involvement and communications
- Working outside the church
- We are all working together for God. We walk towards the same goal.
- Be proud of our faith – being a testimonial
- Stewardship progress; being part of goal attainment in groups
- Parish council should attend
- Doing things at the diocesan and deanery level more productive than just parish

**4. Are there other topics that are of major concern / importance to your parish / deanery / religious community that you would like the DPC to consider at future meetings?**

- Involvement of priests in Stewardship and social justice initiatives at parish level
- Sure good to see the number of priests especially young and newly ordained
- Preparation for the various sacraments
- Operating an effective parish council
- Session needed about cemeteries, who's responsible for cemetery closed down or unused. What are the rules, regulations, guidelines?
- Struggles in having the children catechized
- Need for Diocesan Mission and Vision Statement's distribution to all parishes to be discernable rather than part of a large package. Could be sent out on a plaque or in a frame.
- Struggles in having the youth celebrate the Eucharist on Sundays
- Concentrate on our current plan before it grows beyond our comprehension and individuals lose momentum.
- How to bring non-active catholics back to church
- I am concerned about parishioners' involvement. It is already difficult to get participation in the various ministries.
- Effective ideas for outreach to those who have distanced themselves from parish life
- The structure of diocese and who does what in each role
- How to communicate with aboriginal people more graciously and inclusively
- How to become better communicators with non-Catholics
- Do you have any suggestions as to how to get our parishioners willing to serve on parish or finance council – they seem to be content to just let others do the work.
- I am very new to Parish Council and I was overwhelmed at the amount of parishes that were represented.
- How the church can better use media and communication options to tie our communities together
- No. All programs are very informative
- How to reach our fallen away Catholics
- Except for a brief mention from one deanery, ministry pertaining to aboriginal people was virtually

invisible and not spoken of nor referred to.

- The process was culturally foreign to First Nations people.
- Another meeting to follow-up the results of today's meeting
- Reaching out to lapsed or inactive Catholics, some successful plans/programs
- How the Diocese in P.A. can help in parish programs
- Giving 10% of cost up to \$500 would be a help, support and incentive ex: for a retreat or a mission, this makes it a grass roots project rather than a directive
- Aging population and encouragement of lapsed Catholics

##### **5. What are your expectations for the next meeting?**

- Can't be there
- What have other parishes set out to do to accomplish their action plan
- Humor is very important
- More sharing at deanery level
- More specific information
- Better arrangement of tables for groups ahead of time
- Some feedback on the results of trying out some of the ideas talked about at this meeting
- Some relevance for First Nations community, at separate event if necessary
- Staff reports very interesting and good
- I will be better prepared so I can participate more fully
- Update and new challenge
- Other follow up meetings
- More interesting and means to grow in our faith with the community.
- The Diocese has excellent leadership – I expect the next meeting will be just as good. Well worth the long drive to Prince Albert.
- Start on time
- Follow up – where are we now?
- Deeper!
- That we should be seated as deanery all together.
- Keep the train moving!
- To give recognition to our parish, diocese and priests – we would love to recognize them, to tell them apart by seeing them where their collars – they are our shepherds