

**MINUTES**  
**DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL**  
**November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009**  
**St. Joseph Parish, Prince Albert**

*‘To help our people rediscover Christ, the Incarnate Word of God’*

**AGENDA**

- 9:00 – 9:30 Registration  
9:30 – 10:00 Prayer by Fr. Millan Sajonas and Opening Remarks by Fr. Clifford Tremblay  
10:00 – 11:30 Presenter – Wayne Timoffee  
Presentation on the DPC Webpage:  
<http://www.padiocese.sk.ca/Programs/dpc/dpc.html>
- 11:30 – 12:00 Feedback from groups  
Goals available on the DPC Webpage also:  
<http://www.padiocese.sk.ca/Programs/dpc/dpc.html>
- 12:00 – 1:00 Lunch Break  
1:00 – 2:30 Diocesan Program Staff Reports
- Catechesis – Christine Taylor
  - Youth – Warren Dungen
  - Adult Faith Formation – Michael Averyt
  - Liturgy – Heidi Epp
  - Stewardship – Lawrent Fournier
  - Archives – Yvette Gareau
  - Social Justice – Louis Hradecki
  - Resource Centre – Sr. Rose-Marie
  - Fr. Travis Myrheim’s presentation on being a priest

All reports indicate the events that took place throughout the year and their plan of action for 2010. Reports are available upon request.

- 2 :30 – 2 :45 Break  
2 :45 – 3 :15 Elections for Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Secretary were not completed as per usual. However, a nominee was elected from each Deanery. The names are:  
**Deanery 1:** Betty Makelki  
**Deanery 2:** Metro Bloski  
**Deanery 3:** Diane Lutley  
**Deanery 4:** Al Dion  
**Deanery 5:** Dave McQuaid  
**Deanery 6:** Brian Farris

- 3 :15 – 3 :45 Bishop’s Thévenot’s Closing Remarks (Excerpts from his talks)  
“Goals are important. We have started a journey and we are not going back. We will go through our lives with our faith. Like the Olympics ‘Do we believe’. If you say you believe, it means you are willing to help with the change in our Diocese, and making Christ the centre of our life, of all our lives. Today we looked at how to make objectives and decide on our most important goals and to make an evaluation. If we don’t look back to see if we have done what was discussed, it’s often times possible we won’t do anything at all. Evaluations are important. To say we still have work at hand. This can only be done by executing what we have done ourselves. That’s putting our mouths and hands where the action should be.  
Communicating is very important. It seems to be such an issue even in our modern day age.

Thank you to those who came. It was done with a smile on our faces. We will go home happy, with our faith in Jesus Christ. If we spread that joy, it will change the world or He will change the world through us."

He introduced Fr. Dominic Lafleur in Zenon Park, a new priest to our diocese, from St. Boniface, Manitoba. He also introduced our seminarian German Alegria who was residing in North Battleford, Notre Dame with Fr. Gerard Legaspi. He began his first year Theology after Christmas. Dung Joseph Vu was ordained December 11, 2009 in St. Vital Parish, Battleford. He also introduced Fr. George Canto and expressed gratitude for all his many daily activities. He asked for our prayers for the Priesthood and the Diaconate, as well as our presence.

It is the year of the Priest. He explained that the theme would come through all Diocesan activities.

The Feast of the Epiphany took place at Sacred Heart Cathedral, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010.

Bishop hopes we are supporting our priests, communicating with them, praying for them, and helping them with our language. He spoke of ways to help them improve and practice their english language such as inviting them over for a meal and having them speak with our children. He explained that we are a big help in striving to help make them comfortable and to feel welcome here. During the 'Year of the Priest', he hopes we would take this opportunity to help them. He thanked everyone for all they have done in already helping and supporting them.

Bishop thanked everyone for coming and understands it is fair distance to travel. Now that he's driven all over our diocese, he understands how far it truly is to come.

Closing

Rev. Cliff thanked those who catered the lunch and the ladies who helped with the clean up in the kitchen. He also thanked the former DPC members such as Ralph Schidlowsky, Chairperson for all his hard work as well as both secretaries Paula Fournier and Heidi Epps for the sessions they helped with. He closed his talk with a rosary. Bishop Thévenot gave the final blessing.

**Next Meeting: April 10, 2010 at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Prince Albert**

Secretary: 

Date: February 17, 2010

Approved by: 