

Notre Dame Parish
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2026
6:00pm (via zoom)

Present: Fr. Vener, Carol Handfield, Kevin Blocka, JC Zozobrado , Colleen Richard

Absent: Donna Blocka

Regret: Jibin Jacko

Non-Voting: Recording Secretary – Yvonne Becotte

1. Opening Prayer - led by Fr. Vener

2. Approval of the Agenda. Motioned by Fr. Vener., seconded by Colleen R.
Carried.

3. Approval of the Minutes of March 10, 2026, with the following change, on item 6
a. date should be April 12 not June. Motioned by Kevin B., seconded by Colleen R.
Carried.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes - nil

5. Reports:

a. CWL – Carol Handfield

- Raised \$275.00 on our Soup and Bun which will be sent to Development & Peace
- gave out two 50yr pins at mass and have two more 50yr pins and one 25yr pin to be handed out. This will be done at the luncheon in June
- June 2 – luncheon at Sam’s Family Restaurant – all ladies of parish are invited
- Along with the K.C. gave out cards and rosaries to the First Communion children

b. KC – Kevin Blocka

- The Spring Fling was well attended, have received favorable reviews
- Had assistance from Chef French
- Had assistance from college
- Received donations from Co-op; Oil Field Company, NLC
- Dan Feddema did a tremendous amount of work for this event
- Don’t have the exact figure yet, but we are anticipating we will have made around \$2500.
- \$105.00 was donated towards the KC buying Wheelchair for third world country

c. School Liaison – Colleen Richard

- currently have enrolment of 203
- Kindergarten orientation is this Thursday, May 14 with students and families
- Our PSG is holding a Carnival night with games, a cakewalk, face painting, an auction and concession on Friday, May 22 from 5:30 – 7:30pm
- We have most teaching positions filled for the 2026-27 school year, with interviews for the last position on Friday
- Our last school mass for this school year is on Friday June 12 with Kindergarten leading
- Our Grade 7 graduation and year-end assembly is on Wednesday, June 24
- Our last day of school with students is on Thursday, June 25th

d. Community Life – Fr. Vener

- Bishop has responded saying the Syrian Jacobite Orthodox community will be able to use our church. Fr. Vener and the Syriac Orthodox priest need to draw up a contract of agreement, ie. dates, plan etc. and then submit it to Bishop Jensen for approval.

e. Finance – Fr. Vener

- Financial Report: Attached

f. Filipino Rep – JC Zozobrado

- Spring Kalimpics is on right now
- volunteers will be participating in the Spring Cleanup in June

g. Indian Rep – nil**h. Acceptance of the Reports**

Fr. Vener moved to accept the reports, seconded by Carol H.

6. New Business**a. Confirmation Update**

- Will be on June 13 at 7:30pm mass
- There will be 15 confirmed that date, with 7 (who are not able to that date) being confirmed before the end of June

b. Update/Changes in Sacramental Prep

- The parents will assume the role of Catechists (Teachers)

- The Parish will assist the parents – they will meet two times a month with the parents and children

c. OCIA & Sacramental Prep. Program 2026-2027

- Registration will be June 1 – June 30
- OCIA will be meeting weekly

7. Next Meetings:

- September 8, 2026
- November 10, 2026
- January 12, 2026
- March 9, 2027
- May 11, 2027

8. Meeting Adjourned at 6:17pm

9. Closing Prayer led by Fr. Vener