

Notre Dame Parish
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
June 3, 2025
6:00pm (via zoom)

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

Regret: Jibin Jacko

Non-Voting: Recording Secretary – Yvonne Becotte
Finance – Pauline Gerwien

1. Opening Prayer - led by Fr. Vener

2. Approval of the Agenda. Motioned by Carol H., seconded by Colleen R. Carried.

3. Approval of the Minutes of April 1, 2025, Motioned by Fr. Vener, seconded by Kevin B. Carried.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

Had the Parish Reconciliation Service – it was very long and thankfully Fr stayed the night as it would have been very late for him to travel back to Chetwynd. It will be mentioned at next reconciliation service that this is for confession, it is not for counselling. If counselling is needed, an appointment should be made.

5. Reports:

a. CWL – Carol Handfield

- service pins were presented on May 18 and 19 – ranging from 5 yrs to 50 yrs.
- along with the KC, we will be awarding a bursary to a graduate from SPSS
- Pauline and I attended the CWL convention the first week of May; I will be attending the Provincial in Kelowna
- discussion about the criteria and background on the bursary was discussed

b. KC – Kevin Blocka

- had a pancake breakfast on April 27; only had about 35ppl attend
- we are having our monthly meeting tonight with election for new officers
- having a Father's Day BBQ on June 15

c. School Liaison – Colleen Richard

- Bishop Jensen visited school. Joined the staff for morning prayer and visited all the classrooms
- Year End assembly and Grade 7 Graduation Prayer is Friday, June 20 @ 9:00am
- Kindergarten Graduation is Tuesday, June 17 @ 9:00am
- Teaching staff participated in morning professional develop with Paul Fraser from FISA learning about incorporating the First Peoples Principles into their planning for students.
- Did Pizza Fundraiser and hat and Jeans Day to raise money to support Moeller Family with son's health journey.
- Had kindergarten orientation on May 26 with 24 or the 25 families joining
- currently at 202 students for 2025/2026 school year

- Had Teacher Appreciation Week May 5 – 9th. The teachers were shown appreciation each day with special treats from Beans & Barley, a candy cart, soft drink cart, chocolate treat, soup and sandwiches

d. Community Life – Fr. Vener

- Easter Vigil, we welcomed 4 new members who made their Profession of Faith

Three of them made their First Communion and were confirmed

- 24 young people made their First Holy Communion on April 27; two weeks later 2 more young people made their First Holy Communion

- June 1, 16 young people were confirmed by Bishop Jensen

e. Finance – Pauline Gerwien

- report attached

f. Filipino Rep – JC Zozobrado

- The Flag of the Philippines was raised on June 2 at City Hall to celebrate the Independence Day of the Philippines

- Saturday/Sundays during May – Kalipi Olympics were held at Central and South Peace Campuses

- Discussing the possibility of holding Lapu Lapu festival (a celebration of Filipino Culture) in June which would include fundraising, potluck at the senior's hall

- Also discussing having Santa Cruz festival – which celebrates finding of the cross. This is a historical and religious event.

- There was a prayer service on May 2 for the victims of the Lapu Lapu tragedy in Vancouver. Flavors 8 and Starbucks provided the refreshments.

g. Indian Rep

- nil

6. New Business

a. Catechetical Program for 2025/2026

- Catechetical program for 2025/2026 will be: 1st Reconciliation/1st Eucharist – will start in October; RCIA will start in September; and Confirmation will start in November. Catechetical for Grades 1, 3, 4, 5, 7 will start in the Fall (we have many young people attending public schools who will have opportunity to sign up for this program)

- April 2 from 6:00 – 7:00. Fr. from Chetwynd will be here

- Reconciliation on Friday, April 4 during Adoration

- Regular Reconciliation on Saturday at 6:30 – 7:00pm

b. Promotion of Online Faith Study Series

- Fr. has been promoting Online Faith Study on Formed.org

- Adult Faith Program will resume in the fall, not sure what program they will be using

c. Ministry Sign Up

- Ministry Sign-up will be in first two weeks of September. This will be for new people who wish to be a Lector; EOMHC; Altar Servers, etc.

- Rotary Manor has asked if we would start up Mass – we will ask for volunteers to help at that at the Ministry Sign Up to see if we can get enough volunteers to help with that.

d. Liturgy Workshop for Lectors, Adult and Young Servers, EOMHC

- Liturgy Workshop will be September 19

e. Ministry Appreciation Supper

- will be September 26 @ 5:30pm at church lobby. Flavours 8 will cater

7. Meetings for 2025 – 2026 at 6:00pm via zoom:

- September 9, 2025
- November 11, 2025
- January 13, 2026
- March 10, 2026
- May 12, 2026

8. Meeting Adjourned at 6:40pm

9. Closing Prayer led by Fr. Vener