

Parish of the Precious Blood Pastoral Council Meeting  
September 18, 2014 Holy Rosary, Caribou Minutes

	<p><b><u>2014 - 2015</u></b> <b><u>Pastoral Council Officers</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Mission Statement</u></b></p>	<p><b>Attendees:</b> <i>Ann Hall</i>, St. Mark; <i>Bob LeBlanc</i>, Holy Rosary; <i>Betty Thompson</i>, Sacred Heart; <i>Irene Ellis</i>, St. Denis; <i>David Caron</i>, St. Joseph; <i>Sue Dugal</i>, St. Louis; <i>Chris Grover</i>, St. Mark; <i>Ann Hall</i>, St. Mark; <i>Norm Johnson</i>, St. Mary; <i>Debbie Cyr</i>, St. Theresa; <i>Rosemary Hede</i>, St. Theresa; <i>Fr. Jean-Paul Labrie</i>, Parish of the Precious Blood; <i>Fr. Kyle Doustou</i>, Parish of the Precious Blood; <i>Michael Lagasse</i>, Parish of the Precious Blood</p>		
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>President</b> Father Jean-Paul Labrie</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Chair</b> David Caron (St. Joseph – Mars Hill)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Vice-Chair</b> Bob LeBlanc (Holy Rosary – Caribou)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Secretary</b> Unfilled (Sue Dugal will continue for now)</p>	<p><b>We, the members of the Parish of the Precious Blood, believe we have been called by God to use our time, talent and treasure to serve God and his children. We seek to be a community of faith, hope and love in union with the Holy Spirit.</b></p>			
<p><b>Topic</b></p>	<p><b>Discussion</b></p>	<p><b>Decision</b></p>	<p><b>Responsible Party</b></p>	<p><b>Follow-Up</b></p>	<p><b>Resolved Date</b></p>
<p>Opening Prayer</p>	<p>The meeting was called to order by Chris Grover at 6:00 PM. An opening prayer was offered by Fr. Labrie.</p>		<p>Fr.Labrie</p>		
<p>Minutes</p>	<p>Minutes of May 22, 2014 were accepted as written</p>		<p>Chris Grover</p>		

Old Business					
Communication	<p>Norm expressed ongoing concern with communication within the Parish; see previous minutes.</p> <p>Suggestions were made about how to improve communications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish flow of information</li> <li>• Written reports</li> <li>• What works for Pastoral Staff to communicate with us</li> <li>• Do we have an organization chart?</li> <li>• Janet, Mike, and Stella all have lists to send information to; some of these overlap</li> </ul>	Fr. Labrie stated that we need to evaluate the current circumstance and how can we improve it both at the Pastoral Council level and at the Church Council levels; there is a lot of information that has to go out at times	Members		Ongoing
New Business					
Amber Lahey Keren Morin	<p>Presentation regarding the formation of a Mom's Group in the Parish of the Precious Blood. Their Mission Statement is: "The Parish of the Precious Blood Mom's group was created to support, affirm, and explore the female dignity as a Daughter of God and how this is infused in our roles as wives, mothers, daughters, sisters and friends. It is a ministry about women bonded by their vocation and their desire to enrich their Catholic faith and family life. Moms of all ages and stages are welcome to participate in our bi-weekly meetings." They would like to begin on October 16. The council commended their work.</p>	The council motioned to support the formation of this group; they should contact Kim Theriault to have the information published in the bulletin (a 2 week notice is needed); a presentation from the pulpit at some of the churches over a period of time would be beneficial; the group should coordinate their efforts with Fr. Labrie; Fr. Kyle will provide spiritual guidance.			Ongoing
Election of Officers	<p>Chair: A motion was made to nominate David Caron; it was seconded, David accepted; all were in favor</p> <p>Vice Chair: A motion was made to nominate Bob LeBlanc; it was seconded, Bob accepted; all were in favor</p> <p>Secretary: A motion was made to nominate Sue Dugal; Sue declined; no other member was willing to fill this role; Sue agreed to continue until someone can be found.</p>	Fr. Labrie will try to find someone to fill this role.			

Commission Reports					
Social Justice & Peace: HOPE	No Report:		Sr. Mary Kelley	Informational	Ongoing
Worship & Spirituality	<p>Lynn Pelli not present; report provided by Fr. Kyle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fr. Kyle wants to meet monthly</li> <li>• His goal for is for this commission to be organized, use resources well, be better coordinated so can concentrate on the spiritual growth of Parish; is having a report filled out for each site within the parish to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Find areas with holes that need fixing</li> <li>○ Use resources better</li> <li>○ Foster communication between churches within the parish</li> <li>○ Bolster participation at each location (we have a core group that has done everything for years)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Meeting again in October; have worked on holiday schedule, has been approved</li> <li>• Chris requested that information for scheduled meetings be received sooner to allow better attendance</li> <li>• Mike reminded members that meeting announcements can be published in the bulletin and on the website</li> <li>• Sue wondered why information regarding music was not included in the report; Fr. Kyle stated that it will be added</li> <li>• David Caron shared with the group that St. Joseph's needs an organist and wanted to clarify the steps to take; Fr. Labrie would like the research to be done</li> </ul>		Lynn Pelli  Fr. Kyle	Informational	Ongoing

	to find out who might be available and then formulate a plan				
Faith Formation Commission Corey Morin Stella Carlstrom	No Report		Corey Morin Stella Carlstrom	Informa- tional	Ongoing
Church and Family Life	No Report				Ongoing
<b>Pastoral Report</b>					
Pastoral Report	Fr. Labrie welcomed Fr. Kyle Doustou to the council. The parish has a candidate in the Deaconate Program, Carl Gallagher. He will be installed as a Lector. He lives in Caribou and is employed as a Residential Counselor; he has been invited to attend Pastoral Council meetings; he is involved in the Baptismal program, Extraordinary Ministry, Music Ministry (choir); he is one of three in the County; he has been challenged with reaching out to the migrant workers.		Fr. Labrie		Ongoing
<b>Other Business</b>					
Parish Visioning Project	Jason Parent, Sue Dugal, Tom Goetz, and Tony Lahey have been working on this since June at the request of Fr. Labrie. During Masses the first week of October, a parish-wide presentation will occur. Working sessions will be held on Nov. 1, 8, and 15; there will be presenters from various churches to share "Bright Spots" and be "Challenge Champions". There will be an opportunity for parishioners to register to participate; numbers will be limited to 70 at each session (one in Caribou, one in Presque Isle). On the 15 <sup>th</sup> , the work of the first two meetings will be collated to provide the structure for work to improve our parish and to help grow leaders to move the work forward	It was suggested that invitations be sent out to 20 couples who are parishioners (both attending and not attending) to reach the younger members of the parish to build our parish	Fr. Labrie		Ongoing
Mass Schedule	This was presented by Fr. Labrie. Typically what has	Decision for Mass changes will be made by			

for Storms	been happening during stormy weather is that Mass is cancelled. This does not work for the Parish; two sites are taken care of, but not the Parish; it also impacts the Parish financially. He discussed a new proposal with the Council; will use the TV, radio, and webpage to announce Mass changes due to weather. The plan provides for Masses to be said at alternate times at cancelled sites instead of holding no Mass at all.	Friday evening. Members were to take the information back to church councils; councils are to work on a phone tree to communicate Mass changes throughout the site.			
<b>Next Meeting</b>					
Review Parish Calendar		<b>Next Meeting:</b> <b>Date:</b> November 20 @ St. Mary's, 6:00 PM	DavidCaron		
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 8 PM with a closing prayer.				