



Paroisse Notre-Dame-de-Lorette Parish



Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) - Action plan 2023-2028

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) was chosen by Father Mario as society was coming out of the pandemic. Numerous challenges presented themselves of which included forming a brand new PPC with no experience or formation. In collaboration with the Diocesan Pastoral Council, we studied the diocesan “Upper Room Document” which helped bring clarity as to our role and responsibilities as a pastoral council.

Our first task has been to make real the synodal process of the Church on Synodality. We then came to the point of wanting to know our parish better. That is where the idea to survey our parishioners came about.

The survey identified areas of division, concerns as well as comments pertaining to how to move forward post-pandemic. It also highlighted what parishioners appreciated about Notre-Dame-de-Lorette Parish and suggestions on how to improve on what is already being done in a satisfactory fashion. After much reflection on the survey results, the PPC prayerfully discerned to focus on four main categories:

- Liturgy
- Faith education
- Evangelisation
- Community

Having no existing documentation in hand, the PPC developed a template for a PPC Action Plan. The PPC then worked at setting S.M.A.R.T. objectives based on the feedback from the survey conducted May 13-14, 2023.

- **S**pecific
- **M**easurable
- **A**ttainable
- **R**ealistic
- **T**imely

What follows are only the objectives we have set out for each category. Our Action Plan has a well thought out list of strategies that will help our parish attain these objectives. You will notice that some of these objectives have been attained, some were targeted for the last pastoral year but time and lack of volunteers limited our actions. These will remain in place and will be worked on with the remaining objectives. Our Action Plan is intended to be in place for the 2023-2028 timeframe after which an evaluation will be made of the successes achieved and challenges encountered in order to draft a new Action Plan.



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Liturgy:

1. By December 2023, the PPC will have presented guidelines concerning postures and gestures recommended by CCB for the Eucharistic Celebration in order to bring more clarity and unity to our parishioners. This information should remain available for visitors as well as new or occasional parishioners.
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3. With the support of the parish catechetical coordinator, the PPC will establish a Children's Liturgy program for Advent 2023 as well as Lent 2024 which be run by the parents of the children attending or any other volunteer.
4. SCAP – June 2024 (8, 15, 22)
5. Liturgical masses for Celebrations 2025 (along with other planned activities, overlaps with the community aspect of the PPC Action Plan).

Faith education:

1. Starting in January 2024, we will present a "Catechesis moment" during the masses. These will consist of short teachings on the different parts of the Eucharistic celebration in order to ignite a greater appreciation of what the mass is all about.
2. Adult formation: In January 2023, the PPC will invite interested parishioners to form a committee to plan adult formation which could include books (examples: Intentional Discipleship, Discovering Gifts and Charisms ...), video series from different website (examples: FORMED, Word on Fire, Augustin Institute, CCCB, ...) as well as parish retreats.
3. Youth formation: Our goal is to help youth to befriend Christ and understand the teachings of the Catholic Church. We strive to build friendships and community by learning together, apostolic projects and having fun.
We plan for 3 apostolic/service projects through the year. We are also planning a NET Day retreat in the new year.
4. The parish will make contributions to our local **public library** (books, audio books) which will have a faith centered theme or subject. This will make available **faith-based books** for the community at large (which overlaps with the community aspect of the PPC Action Plan).
Possible sources: Hallow, FORMED, Word on Fire, Ascension Press.
5. The PPC will organize a "Did you know corner?" for the bulletin, for future electronic signage and other local sources of distribution. This corner will seek to clarify what the Catholic Church teaches. The information could also be derived from a "ask a question" spot in bulletin or on website/social media.
6. The PPC will recruit parishioners interested in establishing a book club with a spiritual touch.



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Evangelisation:

1. During the 2023-2024 pastoral year, the parish will offer a variety of activities that will have a twofold objective of helping parishioners as well as community members to get to know and develop a relationship with Jesus as well as give parishioners a sense of belonging. When planning the various activities, consideration should be taken on where different parishioners are on their faith journey (milk, pabulum, solid foods ... as per Saint Paul's writings).

Community:

1. The PPC will look into the possibility of having a more innovative way to make announcements at mass (before and/or after).
2. The PPC in collaboration with the person responsible for the parish website will look into the possibility of creating a monthly calendar of parish activities.
3. Others:
 - ~ summer parking lot party (ex: hot dogs)
 - ~ have "coverage" of our activities and broadcast it.
 - ~ explore the possibilities of partnership with other community groups to host information meetings (not necessarily religious in nature but reflecting Christian values). Examples: mental health, end of life care, single parenting, addictions, healthy relationships...)
 - ~ establish a hospitality ministry