

Week of Guided Prayer

Coordinator - Jackie Malo

Jackie Malo became a member of the Pastoral Team. Her mandate was to foster Spirituality, which included prayer groups.

One of her endeavors was organizing and hosting a Week of Guided Prayer by inviting personnel who were training to become Spiritual Directors at Loyola Retreat House in Guelph, Ontario. These people went to Loyola from many parts of the world – Africa, England, The United States of America, The Bahamas. These people were from different walks of life and were an Interdenominational group. Among this group were Protestant Ministers, Catholic Priests, Sisters of various Congregations and Lay men and Women.

The week began with an opening prayer service and a one-on-one meeting with the participants and their Spiritual Directors. During this meeting the Spiritual Director assigned a scripture passage to read and meditate upon in preparation for the following day's meeting. This process was repeated during the week. The week was closed with a prayer service.

Jackie also led various prayer groups, which included a group dedicated to seniors.

Social Committee

Larry and Nicky Renaud

Nicky and I became members of Sacred Heart Parish in the Summer of 1962. At the time the Priests were Father Scalisi and his assistant Father Burton they along with Father J. Farrell of St. Edward Parish in Point Edward were trying to start a Churches Baseball League. A league of six Catholic Churches was formed with men between the ages of eighteen and older. Some of those associated with the team were Ron Moran, John Bernard, Bill White, Jim McArdle, Norm Vaillant, Joe Yarkowski, etc. It was an opportunity to meet men from the other parishes throughout the city. The League lasted about five years. . Sacred Heart Had Brownies, Girl Guides, Cubs and Boy Scouts, but not much else in the way of social activity

When Father McMahon became Pastor in 1965, things began to move. The new rectory was built attached to the North end of the Church building and the old rectory was moved from Charlesworth to Lecaron, North of the parking lot. The sanctuary was modified and enlarged to its present size. It was now time to get the people together outside of the Church building. A Social Committee was formed and the main event was the Dinner and Dance held annually in June to honour the Feast of the Sacred Heart. It was held most years at the Dante Club. There was an annual picnic held on the Parish grounds, which was later moved to Canatara Park to handle the larger crowds. For a few years a Winter Fun Day was held at Centennial Park for Skating, Sledding, etc. The Social Committee handed out hot chocolate and doughnuts, which were well received. This committee was headed by Hap Gottfried for many years. The Committee also looked after the social event reception following Confirmation each year.