

Sarnia Bluewater Roman Catholic Family of Parishes

CORE LEADERSHIP TEAM

ACTION ITEM MINUTES

- **DATE:** April 8, 2025, **TIME:** 2:00pm
- **ATTENDANCE:** Fr. Brian Jane, Rev. Edward Okorie, Rev. Jan Burczyk, Fr. Joseph Oghenejabor, Rev. Michael Woods, Leonia Downie, Louis Guimond, Jenn Stewart, Alyssa Minten, Annie Ferrera, Cathy Smith, Vera Lawlor,
- **REGRETS:** Nelly Kelders

	TOPIC	DESCRIPTION	WHO	ACTION TAKEN
	<u>OPENING PRAYER</u>	Fr. Brian led us in prayer		
B)	<u>APPROVAL</u> and <u>BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES</u> of March 4, 2025.	<u>B.1</u> March 4, 2025, minutes accepted		
C)	<u>VISIONING</u> When and where we have seen incidences that indicate the Family of Parishes is moving towards the intended long-term goals.	<u>C.1</u> - Solidarity Sout Lunch at St. Michael Church was very well attended by parishioners from across the Family of Parishes. Parishioners helped celebrate Fr. Michael's mother's birthday by singing Happy Birthday to her via a FaceTime call. - Fr. Jan's talk on Hope during the Lenten Mission was very powerful. He spoke of his mother raising her family as a young widow and of his great devotion to Mary.	All	
D)	<u>AGENDA ITEMS & TEAM UPDATES</u>	No additions		
1.	<u>COMMUNICATIONS TEAM</u>	- Next meeting is on April 10th with focus on upcoming events - Social media: Rosary is now available in English, Spanish and Portuguese on YouTube channel - Posting twice a day - Introduced contest during April to increase readership - Plans to re-introduce News from the Family Pews – include testimonials, updates, events, did you know component	Annie Alyssa	
2.	<u>SOCIAL TEAM UPDATE</u>	Social Team will actively seek an organizer and committee for the Family of Parishes BBQ	Annie	

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3.	SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAM	• Development & Peace. We are very pleased with the promotion of the Share Lent Campaign (weekly bulletins & Prayers of the Faithful). Disappointment that “Share Lent envelopes” were nowhere to be found at STA (Sat. mass) and Prayer Cards not in the pews. Solidarity Soup Lunch @ St. Michael’s Sunday, April 6 was great. Very good turnout; great mixing and fellowship; Msgr. Busch attended; Raised \$765. The highlight was everyone singing Happy Birthday to Fr. Michael’s mom in Nigeria – it was a Glory Moment. Thank you, Allysa for attending and taking pictures. • Next Reel Justice Film. The Grab, April 24th on Food Security, Economics & Development; a remarkable story of greed and fear. • Migrant Workers Ministry. In the process of working out details for 1st Spanish mass on Palm Sunday. Fr. Jason has offered to come early for Confessions. We collaborated with NLHC MW Project for the 2nd Women’s Wellness Event March 30th. Very successful and much appreciated by the 13 women workers & 8 volunteers. We are currently doing farm visits to welcome the workers back, bringing pizza & Mass calendar for 2025. • Homelessness & Affordable Housing Ministry – Public Event April 15th @ 4 Points Sheraton (6 pm). Indwell film SAFE & presentation by Indwell folks to help public understand the work of Indwell and dispel fears of Indwell housing development coming to town. Online book available “Indwell Lets Open Doors” available – John Barnfield. • Pikangikum Trip. Theresa van Koeverden will be visiting Pikangikum early June. The Quilting Group and individuals are purchasing “wish list” donations/gifts for Missionaries Colleen & Nick, which Theresa will take with her. • Truth & Reconciliation. Red Dress Day – May 5th. I will organize details and have this ready to go for May 3-4 weekend. Will have the Moose Hide Campaign (violence against women and girls) at the same time. (I will be away in May.)	Vera	
5.	LEM TEAM	• Plans for Cultural Marian Feast on Sunday, May 30th at St. Michael Church are being finalized’ • RCIA: a large number of Catechumens and candidates who will be received on Holy Saturday at Our Lady of Mercy Church • Sacramental Preparation: Children are being prepared for First Holy Communion. Communions to take place in May	Leonia Jenn	

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		• Confirmation sessions will begin in a couple of weeks. Confirmation is set for June 8, at St. Michael Church with Bishop Fabbro • Muskoka Woods Youth Experience has 89 students registered. Fundraising is going well. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus, Catholic Women's Leagues, Dames de Ste Anne and parishioners for the support for this Youth event.		
6.	LITURGY TEAM	• Formation sessions for lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Altar Servers are taking place in several parishes • Working with Parishes for Easter Celebrations	Fr. Joseph	
8.	EVANGELIZATION TEAM	• CLT formation: worthwhile exercise. Cathy handed out a synopsis of the discussions that took place at the formation. Cathy offered to facilitate a similar formation for the Parish Pastoral Council • Charisms workshops are going well. A new workshop is planned for September 30th • 3 sessions are left in this Alpha program. The Holy Spirit retreat on March 20th was well attended. • Small Church Community pastoral facilitators will meet on May 2nd for continued formation • Men's and women's New Life Retreats registrations are open.	Cathy S.	
9.	FINANCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES TEAM	• St. Patrick High School held a First Aid training session for senior students at St. Benedict. Parish staff were offered the opportunity to join the training. 5 staff members participated. • Elections Canada will be using Our Lady of Mercy and Sacred Heart parish halls for Advanced Polls (OLM) and election day (OLM & SH) • St. Joseph, St. Benedict and St. Thomas d'Aquin hold Bingo licenses • New accounting software is being introduced by Diocese. The goal is to merge systems for efficiency and better management of data	Louis	
E)	<u>OTHER BUSINESS</u>	• VBS registrations are going well. • Diocesan Parish Pastoral Goals 1, 2, 3 were reviewed and discussed • One high school senior from our Family of Parishes is attending the Jubilee in Rome. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus, the	All	

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F)	<u>PRAYER. INTENTIONS</u>	• Prayers and Intentions were shared.		
G)	<u>CLOSING PRAYER</u>	• Meeting was closed with prayer		
H)	<u>NEXT MEETING DATE</u>	• Tuesday, April 22, 2025; 10am		
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