

# Pastoral Council Update: October 2018

The Pastoral Council had its first meeting of the year 2018-19 on October 11, 2018.

We began with reflective scriptural prayer and then read together our Parish Mission Statement.

All members were in attendance and we welcomed our newly elected members: Lori Smargiassi and Maria Mooney.

After approval of the minutes from our June meeting, we had Committee Reports from the Hospitality (Donut Sunday) Committee, the Welcoming committee (welcoming of new parishioners), the Evangelization Committee (in planning stages), and the Parish Ministry Fair Committee (upcoming).

The Council then reviewed and recapped how we have grown as a Council, what we have accomplished as a Council over the last few years, and now, moving ahead, where we will go next/what we will address in the parish as a Council.

We reviewed and discussed a few aspects of the Parish survey from last year.

After a brief introduction by Father Colagreco, we took a few minutes for reflection and had an open and honest discussion about the sexual abuse/clergy crisis currently affecting the church. Council agreed that Father Colagreco's remarks from the altar were appropriate, positive and well-received. Pastoral Council members were encouraged to listen to parishioners if this topic comes up and encouraged to feel free to bring comments and reflections on this topic to the meetings on an ongoing basis.

As a regular part of our meeting, we received updates from the Pastor on staff changes and updates, and other information about the parish

At the end of each meeting we share a word or a thought of our impression of our time together. Some thoughts: "engaging", "participative", "nice cross section of the parish", "free and comfortable to share opinions", "lots of information-sharing", "welcoming", "positive".



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