

**Župniski Pastoralni Svet – Brezmadežna Čudodelne Svetinje (Toronto)**  
**Parish Pastoral Council – Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal (Toronto)**

**Parish Council Mission Statement**

*To enhance and develop the spiritual well-being for each parishioner,  
Individually, as well as part of the community, through liturgy, evangelization,  
Good news and charitable works.*

**MEETING MINUTES**

**May 5, 2014**

Attendees:

Cvetka Andrejaš  
Father Valentin Batič  
Father Antonio Burja  
Robert Ferkul  
Sonya Horvat  
John Jereb  
Rozika Nesich  
Andrej Pahulje  
Paula Petersen  
Milan Vinčec

Representing:

Church Secretary  
Pastor  
Associate Pastor  
Planika / Mladi Glas  
Catechists  
Ushers / Bartenders  
Catholic Women's League  
Church Organist  
Scouts  
Slovenian School

The meeting discussions were as follows:

<u>No.:</u>	<u>Discussion:</u>	<u>Action:</u>
1.0	<u>Opening Prayer</u>	Info.
2.0	<u>Mental Health Information</u> Further to our discussions of the previous meeting, we will be looking into holding some information sessions regarding mental health, suicide / assisted suicide. The archdiocese has resources and the Catholic Women's League also has information and speakers that can be helpful to parishioners who are facing these types of issues in their home / families. We can also provide links on our website to some of these resources so that people know where to turn to for help.	TBD / Rozi
3.0	<u>Lenten Services</u> a. Fr. Stane Gerjolj from Slovenia was able to join us for Holy Week masses. He would like to return in late August. b. For those parishioners who join us during the holy celebrations of Easter and Christmas, it is important that we have someone who can work the projectors so that the parishioners know how to respond to the various prayers throughout the mass. This was evident this year with those who were not familiar with the new missal responses. c. Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocations Office, has agreed to lean our Lenten services next year. We need to contact him early in 2015 to arrange.	Info.

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| 4.0 | <p><u>Archdiocese Changes</u><br/>Bishop McGrattan has been assigned to the Peterborough region. His replacement has not yet been announced.</p>   | Info.                                     |
| 5.0 | <p><u>Pastoral Plan of the Archdiocese of Toronto</u><br/>A meeting with several priests of the Archdiocese of Toronto was held to inform everyone of the pastoral plan for Toronto. The plan is to strengthen the faith of committed Catholics, and to reach outward to help the Church grow by inviting others to the Church.<br/>Each church has been asked to implement at least 10 action plans. We are fortunate at our parish in that we already do some of the requested actions, such as Eucharistic devotions, Liturgy of the Hours, Sacrament of Reconciliation, etc. Some plans in consideration for our parish include:<br/>(1) offering resources / programs for bereavement, mental health, suicide, etc.<br/>(2) prayers for vocations – this includes inviting a seminarian to come and speak of his calling and preparations. May is a month that is dedicated to vocations. It was discussed to invite Fr. Chris Lemieux, who is the new director of vocations to speak to our parishioners about this. He has also accepted an invitation to be our guest priest at our Lenten masses next year.<br/>Other ideas are still being considered based on what is right for our parish.</p> | Info.                                     |
| 6.0 | <p><u>Youth Ministry</u><br/>The last movie night was very successful. Future plans for another movie night are being considered, possibly for June.</p>   | Milan<br>Vincec<br>And<br>Sonya<br>Horvat |
| 7.0 | <p><u>Fr. Stanko Gerjolj</u><br/>Fr. Gerjolj would like to return to our parish at the end of August to meet with young parents, up to 10 couples (minimum of 3, ideally 6) to discuss items that he is working on in his studies. Families need to be contacted and asked to participate. He requested the last weekend in August, but that is a long weekend which may not be advisable. As an alternative we are looking at the 2<sup>nd</sup> last weekend, August 23/24.</p>  | Info.                                     |
| 8.0 | <p><u>Fr. Ivan Plazar's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Call to the Priesthood</u><br/>Plans have been made to celebrate Fr. Plazar's anniversary at 10:00 mass on September 14<sup>th</sup>. The mass will be bilingual. There may be more than one choir who would like to sing for this mass. This must be coordinated among them.</p>  | All Choirs                                |

- 9.0      Church Repairs:      Info.  
There are a number of repairs that need to be done throughout the church, hall, etc. One of the top priorities is the kitchen. We are discussing having a building fund that people can contribute to to help with the costs of these repairs / replacements.
- 10.0      Events Calendar:      Info.  
a. Fr. Ivan Plazar's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to the priesthood – September 14<sup>th</sup>  
b. Midland – September 6<sup>th</sup> – A choir will be joining in on the mass  
c. Baraga Pilgrimage – October 17 - 20
- 11.0      Next Meeting      Info.  
The next parish council meeting will be held on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

These minutes have been prepared by:

Sonya Horvat