

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

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting #2 – April 8, 2010

<u>Attendees:</u>	Father Valentin Batič Father Antonio Burja Mojca Dimperio	<u>Representing:</u>	Priests Priests Women's Choir (Naša
Pesem)	Sonya Horvat Josie Lovsin Rozika Nesich		Catechists Molitvena Skupina Catholic Women's League
(KŽL)	Cody Petersen Paula Petersen Millie Ulcar		Scouts Scouts Otroški Kotiček

<u>No.</u>	<u>Discussion:</u>	<u>Action:</u>
1.	Prayer – Sveta Marija	All
2.	Father Burja suggested that a different member of the council prepare a statement/prayer for each meeting that would establish a theme or idea for the meeting. That would then be followed by a formal prayer (eg. Our Father, Hail Mary, etc.) to begin each meeting.	Father Burja
3.	Notice of Meetings Each member of the council should indicate what is the preferred method of notice so that all members would be properly advised and alerted of future meetings. Notices can be sent via telephone, email, and/or notice in the parish bulletin (Oznanila). Notices given by email should be returned to indicate confirmation of attendance. Sonya Horvat will notify all members of the next meeting.	All / Sonya Horvat
4.	Marjeta Franc and Laurie Ulcar send their regrets for not making today's meeting.	Info.
5.	Father Burja explained that all matters should be discussed openly and fairly so as to ensure the success of the council.	All
6.	Minutes will be taken at each meeting and an agenda prepared prior to each meeting. Please let Father Burja or Sonya Horvat know if you wish to add something to the agenda or if there is a discrepancy in the minutes.	All

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| 7. | A leader for the other dance group Nagelj also expressed an interest in joining the council. Father Burja will follow-up. | Father Burja |
| 8. | Father Batič found a useful book entitled “Making a Pastoral Council Work” which can help guide us. It includes information like what a pastoral council is, its history, how it functions, etc. The book can prove helpful in guiding us. | Info. |
| 9. | Father Burja provided an agenda for today’s meeting. | Info. |
| 10. | Future Meetings – we have decided that we will have one more meeting prior to the Summer break. Meetings will have a time frame of about 1-1/2 hours. | Info. |
| 11. | <u>Slovenian Eucharistic Congress:</u>
Will be held in Celje, Slovenia on June 13, 2010. The bishops in Slovenia have already begun preparations for the congress amid some controversy by the government. The controversy exists because the government feels that the purpose of the congress is to stir things up against the communist party (as compared to a similar congress held in Ljubljana prior to the war). The bishops are insisting that the purpose of the congress is to do good things by helping to bind the Church through the Eucharist and Christ. They are on a mission to teach people to keep the Church in their lives post-confirmation. They find that many who are baptized, and have received their sacraments no longer attend mass or pray. The purpose of the congress is to help reconnect with their members. | Info. |
| 12. | Father Batic suggested that a radio feed into the hall or a widescreen viewing of the congress can be watched in the hall. The hall is now in the process of being retrofitted so that this can be provided. Canonization of a Slovenian martyr is expected at this congress. This would be the beatification of a second Slovenian saint. Father Opeka, representing the Slovenian missionaries in Madagascar, as well as the Secretary of State for the Vatican will be attending the Congress. | Info. |
| 13. | Paula Petersen suggested an educational program for the scouts/youth to teach them about the lives of the Slovenian saints and others up for canonization. | Info. |
| 14. | <u>50th Anniversary of the Church:</u> May 28, 2011
Father Batič suggested inviting a world famous missionary to come and speak. This missionary had recently spoken at All Saints Parish and had the congregation mezmorized. Millie Ulcar suggested that we invite this speaker perhaps to speak around Christmas time to introduce him so that people would know who he is and develop an interest in him.
Father Batič also suggested inviting the Archbishop of Slovenia who can also join in with the Confirmation | All |

celebrations to be held next year.

Father Burja recalled his experiences when an anniversary was held in Argentina last year.

It was suggested that each group participate in some way and consider how for future meetings.

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| 15. | <u>First Holy Communion:</u>
To be held on May 2, 2010. Twelve (12) children will be receiving the communion on this day. | Info. |
| 16. | <u>Holy Confirmation:</u>
Celebrations to be held next year in mid-May. Classes will continue to the end of April and re-start mid-October. | Info. |
| 17. | <u>Versko Angaziranje:</u>
We live our faith (1) individually; (2) in our family; (3) in our church; (4) among friends. | Info. |
| 18. | <u>Constitution:</u>
The sample that was read during the first meeting highlighted three things that are important for the parish:

Bogoslužje (Liturgy) – includes prayer, sacraments (important for the growth in faith are confession and holy eucharist), special sacraments (those we receive only once, eg. Baptism), sacramentals (special events that do not necessarily require a mass such as funerals, Easter blessing of food, etc.)

Oznanjevanje (Proclamation of Faith, Evangelism) – catechism of groups such as the homily during mass, reading of the bible at home, learning of the lives of the saints, etc.

Diakonija (Charitable Works) – working with the elderly, ill, missions, for Sharelife, etc.

These three areas cover the important works of the Church. We can use these principles in our constitution. | Info. |
| 19. | Paula Petersen will review the book “Making a Pastoral Council Work” to see how it can help us with creating our own constitution. | Paula Petersen |
| 20. | Next meeting will be held on May 6, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. Sonya Horvat will inform all members. Please remember to respond with your attendance notification. | Sonya Horvat |

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