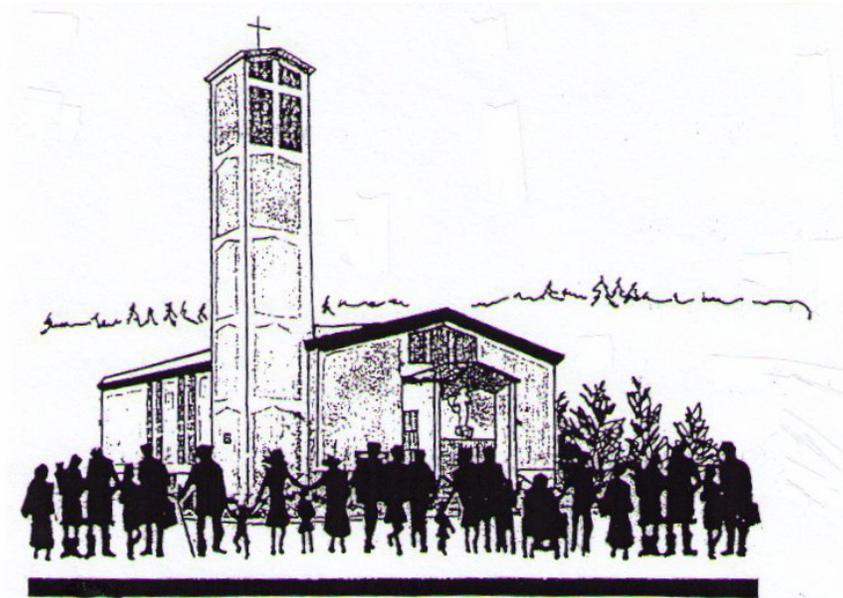


Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish

Annual Report

April 2017



Parish Council 2016 – 2017

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AGM 2017 Pastor's report

I have been in Whitehorse for a short time; only 7 months. In this short time, I did a few good things and made a few mistakes. You know about my mistakes so I will not elaborate on them; I can only offer my apologies. Below, you will find a list of my small accomplishments.

First of all, a new workplace is a challenge that will be faced by a new team consisting of the following people: Fr. Slawomir Szwagrzyk, Fr. Jean Augustin Somé, Fr. Meletito Abella, secretary Helene Lapensee, secretary Giuseppe Fico and two seminarians: Guy Zidago and Simon Ibrahim.

1- Our mission

Our main task is to look after the spiritual development of our parishioners. We have tried to accomplish this in the following ways:

- By delivering a homily at every Holy Mass.
- By visiting the schools according to the following schedule: Fr. Kieran - Holy Family (*September - December*); Fr. Tito - Christ the King, Holy Family; Fr. Slawek - Vanier.
- At the request of the parishioners, the time of Eucharistic Adoration has been made longer on Thursdays (*7:00-9:00 p.m.*). This time is also an opportunity to go to confession.
- In the fall, the RCIA meetings started.
- In October and November, 20 children took part in the First Confession Classes.
- In the French community's First Communions, there were 4 children. (*December*)
- The Regular Baptismal Preparation Classes for the children's parents and godparents have been taking place on the first and second Friday of every month.
- We have continued to look after the youth group and the children at the Sunday Eucharist with the help of lay volunteers.
- During the month of October, the Rosary was prayed before Mass.
- At the end of the Year of Mercy, we had a three-day retreat and a Solemn Holy Mass was celebrated on November 20th, 2017.
- An Advent retreat was given by Bishop Vila, Father Kieran, Father Tito and Father Slawek.
- We prayed a traditional Novena before Christmas (*Dec. 17-24th*).
- Under the direction of Russ Tait, the students of Vanier Secondary School built a big stable that was used as living quarters for the Holy Family. On January 6th, three Wise Men paid their visit.
- As for the World Day of the Sick – Feb 11th, during all Saturday and Sunday Masses we gave the Sacrament of the Sick. This sacrament was also administered in Copper Ridge Place and Macaulay Lodge.
- During Lent, Fr. Somé has a bible study in French (*Tuesdays*).
- A Lenten Retreat was given by Fr. Bartek Palczewski, a priest from Toronto (*March 11- 15th*)
- On March 18-19th, during Mass, Bishop Vila certified 21 Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, who had just completed the Eucharist Minister formation. These Extraordinary Ministers are from Sacred Heart (*English and French*) and Our Lady of Victory.

One main aspect of our mission in the Yukon is also to serve and take care of the mission churches outside of Whitehorse. That is why Fr. Somé and myself were absent during some of the Sunday Masses in Sacred Heart Cathedral.

2- Soup kitchen

Our next task concerns the poor. In our parish, the soup kitchen has been active since 1993. For the first time, we had an Appreciation Dinner for all the volunteers (*Jan 20th 2017*). It gave us an opportunity not only to show gratitude, but also to share ideas.

In February 2017, the top unit of the ceramic stove in the kitchen was broken; this left us with only the 4 – burner Garland stove which is not adequate for preparing and serving meals during the weekend soup kitchens and other events. Simply replacing the top unit of the ceramic stove with another one was not

advisable as the most recent one lasted for only 6 months. Therefore, after discussing the problem with the Finance Committee, we decided to buy a new commercial stove.

3- Renovations and repairs

Our next task concerns the financial situation of our parish. I would like to admit that making repairs, just after my arrival in Whitehorse, was not on my list of priorities. I wanted to get acquainted with the parish and its problems first. However, life is full of surprises. When I arrived in Whitehorse, I found the second floor of the building already in the process of being renovated. Consequently, I had no choice but to finish the renovation of the secretary's office and the hall. The two small meeting rooms were converted into one large meeting room. I reduced the number of people authorized to sign cheques from 8 to 4. Also, I reduced the telephone lines from 4 to 2 (*one Parish office and one French office*). In addition, I replaced 4 leaky windows and insulated the entrance to the French community office.

At the end of January, the renovation of the ground floor started with the approval of the Parish Council, the Finance Committee and Bishop Vila. The renovations are not yet finished! They are presently on hold awaiting a new stage of renovation which includes installation of new ventilation air ducts and drywall completion.

So far this is the result of winter renovations:

- gutting of the interior walls and ceilings;
- partial removal demolition of the ventilation ducts;
- rewiring of the electricity on the ground floor (all brought to standards) and installation of smoke detectors;
- installation of a new clear window in the side of the French Office (*Communauté Francophone*) and removal of a window in the staircase, and
- upgraded the insulation by using expanded foam on the walls to bring it up to current standards and increase the air tightness of the exterior walls.

4- Seminarians

We have two seminarians from Toronto and Vancouver who came to Whitehorse in the summer of 2016. They will spend a year of service in our diocese getting acquainted with life in the northern part of Canada. Hopefully they will come back some day to work here as priests.

5- What are our plans for 2017?

Besides continuing our present activities, I propose some additional tasks.

- After Easter, we will start Marriage Preparation classes.
- In order to make Mass attendance possible for parishioners who work on Sunday morning or travel for camping during the summer, I would like to add an evening Holy Mass to the Sunday schedule from May 28TH at 7pm.
- This year our Diocese is going to commemorate the 50th anniversary of its establishment. The main celebrations will take place in the Cathedral on June 9-11th, 2017.
- In the fall of 2017 I would like to start the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for children.
- Moreover, I would like to finish the renovation of the ground floor of the rectory building.
- I would like to organize a Parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2018. This is very much a dream right now, but I hope to turn this into reality over the coming months.

In closing I would like to say thank you to all Parishioners, to the Parish Council, the Finance Committee, all the other committees and organizations in the parish and to my Co-workers for your presence, advice and help. Thank you for your spiritual and financial support. Please, pray for me. My coming to Whitehorse was a great surprise for me. However, I believe that when God sends us to fulfill His plans, He gives us enough strength to accomplish them. That is why I have accepted my mission here with optimism and faith.

Respectfully submitted,
Fr. Slawomir Szwagrzyk

Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council

2016-2017 Annual Report

From our Constitution: We come together as a parish pastoral council to share, in an advisory capacity, with the Pastor, the responsibility of providing for the spiritual and material needs of the parish community and to strengthen the bonds that bind us to the Church in our Diocese of Whitehorse.

Mandate

The Parish Pastoral Council is a leadership body of shared ministry, whose main purpose is to provide direction for the Parish, based on the presence of the Holy Spirit dwelling in the hearts of the faithful. We meet monthly (except in July, August and December).

Membership

- Father Slawomir Szwagrzyk
- Valerie Royle, Chair
- Raul Dioquino
- Mike Power
- Gordon Scheepbouwer
- Yvonne Vachon

Council would like to thank past member, Monica Best for her service to the parish and wish Father David Reilander all the best in his new role as President of Catholic Missions in Canada.

Goals for 2016/17

- Our main goal for the 2016/17 year was to welcome Father Slawek to the parish and determine how best the council could serve to advise him on parish matters, as appropriate.

Achievements

- Co-ordinated a volunteer appreciation dinner for all volunteers of the soup kitchen.
- Worked on options for engaging youth in our parish.
- Advising Father Slawek on ongoing renovations to the rectory.
- Adopt-an-Inmate Program provided 100 Christmas gifts for inmates at the Whitehorse Correctional Centre.
- Working on options for replacing the church's furnace system in the next 1-2 years to maximize warmth and efficiency and to consider green energy solutions.

Expectations or hopes for the coming year

- We need a full complement of council members for 2017/18.
- Finalize comprehensive Youth Ministry for the Parish

Respectfully submitted,



On behalf of the Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council.

Sacred Heart Parish Music Ministry

The music ministry consists of five groups of musicians, with some overlap between groups, who provide music for the various Masses and events at Sacred Heart Cathedral

Mandate

The music ministry plays an important role in enhancing what is happening at the altar. To enhance congregational song, the music ministers support the assembly to sing by choosing and singing music that invites everyone to sing along as a way of praying. This ministry is not restricted to Sunday Mass; it extends to things like workshops, other celebrations, funerals, weddings, our work at the Whitehorse Correctional Centre, etc.

Membership

Saturday, 5pm Mass – First, Second and Fifth Saturdays of the Month

- Raul Dioquino, Filipino Choir: Rene Minguito, Maria Teresa Dao, Loreta Tungol, Geena Bunesuceso, Ana Alesna, Jazmin Pelayo, Jerry Cruz, Eli Deogracias, Arcee Deogracias

Saturday, 5pm Mass – Third and Fourth Saturdays of the Month

- Caroline Knickle, Emily Knickle, Lucille Stuart, Monica Best, Lionel Colachi, Jillian Brown

Sunday, 9am Mass – Third Sunday of the Month

- Raul Dioquino, Filipino Choir

Sunday, 9am Mass – First and Second Sundays of the Month

- Open
- Currently: Valerie Royle, Ryan Sikkes, Hector Campbell, Amy LeBlanc, Gordon Miller

Sunday, 9am Mass – Fourth and Fifth Sundays of the Month

- Valerie Royle, Ryan Sikkes, Hector Campbell, Amy LeBlanc, Gordon Miller

Sunday, 11:30am Mass – First and Third Sundays of the Month

- Jacqueline Carew; Raul Dioquino

Sunday, 11:30am Mass – Second Sunday of the Month

- Jerry Woolridge, Gordon Miller, Maria Trainor

Sunday, 11:30am Mass – Fourth and Fifth Sundays of the Month

- Valerie Royle, Ryan Sikkes, Hector Campbell, Amy LeBlanc, Gordon Miller

Goals for 2016/17

- One main goal for the 2016/17 year was to add a sixth music group to the ministry to cover the 9am Masses on the 1st and 2nd Sundays of the month. The Parish purchased more sets of JourneySong piano and keyboard books which were given to three interested parishioners. Unfortunately, none have felt ready to step into the music ministry. We are still working on this

Achievements

- Easter and Christmas season Masses had beautiful music
- Music provided for special Masses (e.g. Our Lady of Guadalupe, funerals)
- Music provided for services during Christmas at the Whitehorse Correctional Centre

Expectations or hopes for the coming year

- We are still looking for a permanent group of musicians to cover 9am Mass on the first and second Sundays of each month.
- Raul Dioquino's departure from Yukon in May 2017 will leave a huge gap in the music ministry. We thank him for his service and continue to seek other musicians to fill Raul's big musical shoes!

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Valerie Royle". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'V'.

On behalf of the Sacred Heart Music Ministry.

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The Children's Alternate Liturgy Program at Sacred Heart Parish takes place during the 11:30 Sunday Mass, from September to June. Currently, two levels of instruction are provided - for those children aged 4-6 and children aged 7-10.

Mandate

The Pflaum Gospel Weeklies Faith Formation Program is used as the instruction material for the alternate liturgy program. Each lesson in the program is connected with the Sunday Gospels. Children are taught the basics of the Catholic faith and the weekly lessons help them to see ways to practice their faith. The seasons of the liturgical year are reflected in the material presented to the children.

Membership

This past year, we had approximately 12 volunteers who assisted with providing the children's liturgy program to children in the Parish. As part of this total number, we are very blessed to have a number of young adults participating as volunteers.

Expectations or hopes for the coming year

- To interest more volunteers in assisting with this very worthwhile and beneficial program, so that in future we might have three levels of instruction or perhaps be able to provide a children's alternate liturgy program during the 9:00 Sunday Mass.

Respectfully submitted,

Monica Lauer, Coordinator – Alternate Liturgy Program

Liturgy Committee

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The liturgy committee is the only committee mandated by the parish constitution. The pastor is the one who establishes the committee and selects its members. In its broadest sense, the committee works closely with the pastor in order to enhance the liturgies and enrich spiritual experiences at SH Parish.

Mandate

- To create a prayerful atmosphere that visually reflects the different seasons of the liturgical year.
- To ensure a strong music ministry that serves to enrich weekend Eucharistic celebrations.
- In partnership with the pastor, to determine ways to highlight special liturgical seasons: Advent/Christmas, Lent/Easter, Pentecost
- In partnership with the pastor, to facilitate training for various liturgical ministries.

Membership

- Core committee: Fr. David Reilander, Jacqueline Carew, Raul Dioquino, Sr. Edith Elder, Valerie Royle, Sr. Karen Schneider, Katie Shewfelt
- Ambience/decorating committee: Toni Blois, Helen and Paul Flaherty

Achievements

- Facilitated a Liturgy Workshop for liturgical ministers and any interested parishioners on Wed. Sept. 16, 2016.

(As has been the case over the past six to eight years, attendance was poor despite two presentations that covered the biblical background and historical development of liturgy.)

- Advent/Christmas celebrations were beautiful and inspiring. *A special thanks to Fr. Dave, the decorating committee, music ministers, and other volunteers.*
- Highlighted the Jubilee Year of Mercy by giving parishioners an overview of the Works of Mercy and inviting them to choose 1 way of living these works throughout the Jubilee Year. *Thanks to Toni Blois for making the pledge cards.*
- Fr. Dave initiated a *Did You Know?* column in the bulletin. Its purpose is to keep parishioners informed regarding recent customs and practices as outlined in the *General Instruction on the Roman Missal*.
- Four committee members served on the Diocesan Committee planning the Ordination of Bishop Hector Vila on February 7, 2016. *Thanks to those who:*
 - *Made the hula-hoop banners featuring the sacraments (Toni Blois & Sr. Karen) and those who helped decorate Vanier's gym (Helena Shewen, Maureen Long, & Yolande Cherepac). Thanks to Lori Choquette for the lovely floral/greenery arrangements.*
 - *Assisted by transporting the cathedrae, ambo, other chairs, & a variety of things from the church to Vanier & back again (Fr. Dave, Joe Hanrath, Denis & Katie Shewfelt)*
- Fr. Dave and Sr. Edith are offering weekly Lenten retreats focusing on the Spiritual Works of Mercy. These are scheduled for Tuesday evenings @ 7:00 pm.
- Fr. Dave organized the Jubilee of Mercy: 24-Hours for the Lord on Mar. 4 – 5, 2016.
- Bishop Hector and Fr. Dave organized the schedule re: Palm Sunday, Communal Reconciliation, Chrism Mass, Triduum, and Easter celebrations.

Expectations or hopes for the coming year

- Foster great participation in the liturgy workshop and in the Eucharistic celebrations.
- Continue to offer parishioners reflections on specific Works of Mercy via bulletin inserts.
- Continue offering evening retreats during the Advent & Lenten season.
- Invite more individuals & families to assume responsibility for the Procession of Gifts at Sunday Eucharist.

Respectfully submitted,

Edith Elder
Chair, Liturgy Committee

Sacred Heart Youth Group
Youth on Fire
April 2016-2017 Annual Report

This year the Sacred Heart youth group for Grades 5 to 8 was very successful which provided fun, fellowship and faith.

Mandate:

-to provide a safe environment where youth can gather and interact with other youth respectfully and responsibly while having fun

-to provide an opportunity for the youth to learn about our Catholic faith as well as deepen their personal relationship with Christ through prayer, devotions, discussions

Goals:

1. to establish a strong vibrant youth group for Grades 5 to 8; to have a high school youth group for these children to continue their engagement in a catholic youth group
2. to participate in service projects
3. to have high school youth participate in leadership roles with the younger youth group
4. to use various resources including technology in promoting the gospel message
5. to invite parents, parishioners or people from the community to share and/or teach a talent or craft
6. to use team building exercises to enhance communication, cooperation, creativity and problem solving skills

Achievements:

1. The younger youth group is in its eighth season (a roster of 46 students; ranging from 13 to 33 per evening; the average weekly attendance was 20 youth; the group is well established and enjoyed as evidenced by the participation of participants and comments of the youth
2. A number of youth helped prepare food packages at the food bank one evening and a good number of youth participated at the CYO hall in preparing Christmas cards for the prison inmates.
3. A couple of the high school students helped out in a leadership role with the youth group.
4. For the reflections, we have used the following to promote the gospel message: YouTube videos projected on a large screen with sound equipment. The reflections this year focussed on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, the witness of saints, and prayer. We continued with the rosary and introduced the Divine Mercy Chaplet; each youth was given a rosary and rosary prayer pamphlet as well as a Divine Mercy chaplet card. We also had a challenge on what it means to love your enemies with practical suggestions on how to do this.
5. Beth from Maryhouse introduced the youth to Pysanky. Dawn led the pysanky making workshop with the help of 5 other leaders, they were taught the art of pysanky and all participants went home with their beautifully decorated pysanky egg. Thank you to Dawn, Beth, Heather, Monica and Marion-Rose for their volunteer time and leadership.
6. The youth have expressed a real appreciation for the team building exercises and sports activities through their enthusiastic responses.

Expectations and Hopes:

-to continue to have a vibrant youth ministry for the younger youth group and as well, the launching of a high school youth group

-to have the youth on fire share the light of Christ to other students so that the youth groups would continue to grow; to have a high school youth group established for fall as there is a large number of youth that have been involved in the younger youth group who are at high school now and some of the younger registered youth will be moving on to high school in the fall

-to form a music ministry with the youth

-to raise funds and participate in one of the high school youth conferences in either Edmonton or Anchorage (annually as these conferences are life changing)

-that parishioners continue to pray for all those involved in the youth ministry

Gratitude:

*Thank you to Bishop Hector Vila and Father Slawek for the initial organization this year and for the youth ministry team: Monica Lauer, Marc Bloch, Marion-Rose Piper who were consistently involved and the parents of the youth and the many others that make this ministry possible.

*We would like to thank everyone who continue to pray for the success of this ministry which is so vital!

*We give praise, honor and glory to God who has been our guide throughout this ministry!

Respectfully submitted,
Gregg and Pamela Janiga

Weekend Soup Kitchen 2016-2017 Report

Mandate: To provide a hot meal every Saturday and Sunday of the year to those in need -

"...for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me...Matt 25:35

Membership: The weekend soup kitchen operates out of the Rose Byrne Kitchen in the CYO Hall. Meals are provided by a broad range of community groups from: Sacred Heart, Our Lady of Victory, Mary House, Communauté Francophone, Whitehorse United Church, Whitehorse Baptist Church, Riverdale Baptist Church, VCSS, PCSS, the NDP Caucus and a Non-Denominational group. In addition, the Whitehorse Rotary Club provided hundreds of goody bags for takeout every month and a Christmas time turkey dinner. The Knights of Columbus provided pancake meals during the Rendezvous weekend. The Whitehorse Lions Club purchased items of equipment for the soup kitchen. Pat McKenna taught a Foodsafe course to our volunteers. Well over 100 volunteers regularly work at the soup kitchen. We also have individuals who make soup for our use. Lately we received donated moose meat from an outfitter which was ground up for us to use. We are truly blessed with a broad based community effort.

Achievements: We served between 50 and over 100 persons at each of our meals. Over the last few years numbers have increased. Fortunately, our 17 volunteer crews have remained stable.

This year the Parish sponsored our first volunteer appreciation dinner. All volunteers were invited and about 50 attended. In particular, appreciation was expressed for the many years of selfless service to the soup kitchen given by Helen Flaherty and Marnie Ryder. Helen and Marnie were the key people who, together, kept the soup kitchen running smoothly. Their shoes will be hard to fill. Many thanks to Val Royle who organized the dinner.

Our ceramic stove top was broken after only a few months of use (the previous one lasted a few years) and the Parish is in process of replacing it with a 6 burner electric commercial grade Garland stove. We will retain the existing Garland stove. This will ensure we have the capacity to continue with the soup kitchen as well as other, larger parish and community functions in the CYO Hall.

There was some talk that the Salvation Army might be operating a weekends soup kitchen out of their new building. I have spoken with the director of programming for the Salvation Army and they have no plans to operate their kitchen on the weekend so we will continue our weekend soup kitchen.

For the Coming Year: Persons interested in preparing soup for the soup kitchen may obtain ground moose meat from the rectory.

We are looking for a parishioner to take on the task of seeing that the soup kitchen keeps supplied with the staples essential for it operation. This requires weekly attention. Training and continuing support provided. For more information call Philip Gibson at 667-4743.

Respectfully submitted, Philip Gibson, March 9, 2017

**Catholic Women's League of Canada
Sacred Heart Parish Council
2016 - 2017 Annual Report**

The Catholic Women's League of Canada (CWL) is the voice of 83,000 Catholic women across the country, expressing their values and promoting dignity, health, equity and justice for all. It offers members the opportunity to prayerfully serve God and our community by sharing their gifts and making a difference.

Mandate

The mission of the Catholic Women's League is to be a national organization rooted in gospel values, calling its members to holiness through service to the people of God.

Membership

In 2016, Sacred Heart Parish council had approximately 30 registered members. Any woman, 16 years of age and over, can join the CWL.

Achievements

- Held a successful annual Diocesan Convention in May with speakers discussing a wide range of topics including a CWL Leadership workshop, education on the issue of dementia, as well as information on Yukon Cares.
- Hosted the Bishop's Episcopal ordination reception.
- Prepared "12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care" in the parish.
- Provided hospitality and a film for the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.
- Two members attended the CWL Provincial Convention to network with our BC sisters.
- Members attended the CWL National Convention, held in Halifax, to connect with our sisters from around the country.
- Provided financial support to a variety of local and international organizations including Whitehorse Food Bank, Right to Life, Chalice, Development & Peace, and Catholic Missions in Canada.
- Hosted hospitality at Sacred Heart Cathedral and receptions for funerals, First Communion, and Scouts Canada.

Expectations or hopes for the coming year

- To work toward having more women join our council and help take an active role in promoting awareness of, and responding to, political and social issues that affect Yukoners and all Canadians.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Vanderbyl, CWL Whitehorse Diocesan President

Organization Name: Vanier Catholic Secondary
2016-2017 Annual Report

Vanier Catholic Secondary is a community of learners and educators dedicated to providing a quality Catholic education in accordance with the mission and values of the Catholic Schools of Whitehorse.

Mandate

The mission of Yukon Catholic Schools is to educate children in a Catholic learning environment.

Through the sharing of knowledge and Christian values, and by celebrating our Catholic faith, students are assisted in developing a personal faith and an understanding and appreciation of self and others. Each child has the opportunity to strive for academic excellence and to reach his or her potential as a life-long learner.

The uniqueness of each child is celebrated.

Membership

Vanier Catholic Secondary enrolls approximately 375 students in grades 8 through 12 in:

- Regular secondary school programming;
- A shared-resource program for students with significant cognitive or developmental delays (Room 1); and
- Education outreach programming at the Young Offenders Facility, Youth Achievement Centre and Riverfront School

Goals for 2016/17

- To continue weekly visits from school chaplain (Fr. Szwagrzyk);
- To provide “teaching Masses” to our grade 8 & 9 students, working towards the goal of celebrating school-wide masses regularly;
- Continuing our tradition of the Graduation Mass;
- Expanding and improving relationships between the school and the parish community.

Achievements

List some of your key achievements or celebrations for this past year. This is a chance to highlight those two to five special moments in the course of the year and to share them briefly with parishioners.

- Parishioners have been volunteering to assist students with literacy support.
- We continue to provide yearly retreat experiences for all our students, organized within the school mostly using our staff and chaplain to facilitate.
- The continuation of our sponsorship of many needy families each year at Christmas through the *Share the Spirit* program.
- Our continued support of the Whitehorse food bank through participation in the annual food drive in October and numerous fundraisers throughout the year.
- A very active Social Justice Club that meets weekly and participates in numerous fundraisers and initiatives.
- Strong participation (almost 100 kids!) in the annual ThinkFAST overnight fast and retreat to raise awareness of food security.

Expectations or hopes for the coming year

This is an optional section but could serve as an opportunity to reach out to parishioners for their participation and prayers.

- We hope to help provide additional support to parish ministries (music, lectors, altar servers, etc.) by encouraging our Catholic students to participate.
- We would be grateful to have more parishioners express an interest in volunteering at the school.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Sikkes

Principal, Vanier Catholic Secondary

Organization Name: Christ the King Elementary School
2016-2017 Annual Report

Mandate

Through the sharing of knowledge and Christian values, and by celebrating our Catholic faith, students are assisted in developing a personal faith and an understanding an appreciation of self and others. Each child has the opportunity to strive for academic excellence and to reach his or her potential as a life-long learner.

Membership

We have a total student body of 340 and a staff of 50.

Goals for 2016/17

Two of our goals were to continue to develop and promote our Catholic identity and to find ways to enhance our school spirit. The goal associated with our School Growth Plan was to examine how different teaching strategies will affect engagement and result in increased student learning.

Achievements

- First ever Ash Wednesday School-Wide Mass
- Successful Christmas Celebration
- Successful implementation of PBIS (Positive Behaviour Intervention & Supports)
- Integrating our new students from Syria
- Exciting results from our school goal
- Specialized gym teachers have enhanced the physical education program
- New extra-curricular activities including Tuesday Book Club and Student Newspaper
- Staff Wellness program developed by staff members
- Positive results at Sports Competitions and DI Tournament
- Holding school assemblies to address student engagement and Positive Mindsets.

Expectations or hopes for the coming year

- Our new Religious Ed curricula for grades 3 and 4 students will be great resources
- Increase the amount of technology software and hardware in our school

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon Miller
Acting Principal
Christ the King Elementary School

Holy Family Elementary School (HFES)

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Mandate – As per our Mission Statement

To educate children in a Catholic learning environment (entire mission statement can be seen on our Catholic Schools of Whitehorse Admission Policy)

Membership

There are 171 students and 27 staff at HFES

Goals for 2016/17

- To use our Mission Statement as a guide
- To continue with our academic writing goal
- To celebrate our accomplishments

Achievements

- Participation of staff, students and parents in Youth masses, with several students reading parts in the mass itself
- Fundraising – includes “From the Ground Up” program, Lenten Read-A-Thon, Jump Rope for Heart, the “Giving Tree” – funds and donations of items are used to support school activities as well as support projects in Whitehorse, Malawi and Peru
- Students also participated in the All Whitehorse Schools Food Drive, both handing out bags and collecting goods
- We have a healthy sports program and students participate in physical activity for 30 mins each day. Older students participate in inter-school sports competitions. We have students who participate in the Special Olympics activities on a regular basis.
- At the school we have regular religious celebrations and between 3-4 masses in the school per year
- Additional highlights include our annual Christmas concert where all students participate, gr 6 bison hunt, First Nations cultural activities, Spring Concert, Bison Feast, Grade 6 Camp (Braeburn)
- We have a continuation of our Intensive French program

Expectations or hopes for the coming year

- Our Lenten fundraiser allows us to reach out to our local and global community – we provide assistance in ways that are very much appreciated by the recipients
- Continue to observe and fully embrace our Mission Statement
- Students and staff are busy finishing off recording of music for a school cd, that should be available at the end of the 2016/17 school year

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Hupe (Holy Family Elementary School)



Bishop Coudert Council #6232

Fr. J McGivney was a parish Priest who ministered in New Haven, Connecticut in the late 1800's. He found that often when the breadwinner of the family died the widow and children left behind were often dispersed because the household could not be maintained. He tried to change that in his parish by getting the men in his parish together to create a fund to provide for the remaining family left behind after such an accident. This would allow the family the security to get back on their feet and keep families together. These men became known as the Knights of Columbus. This has spread across North America and the world. The Knights of Columbus still have the same theme today but they have expanded into many different areas. For instance, the organization distributes wheel chairs across the world to people who require them but are unable to obtain them. The organization has provided relief in the millions to areas requiring disaster relief. We support the special Olympics; we are involved in Habitat for Humanity. We provide support for our clergy and churches. And the list goes on. At our council level we are known as the Bishop Coudert Council #6232. During 2016 we were involved in a variety of projects.

Charity fund raising annually

- Rendezvous pancake breakfast- our biggest fundraiser for the year
- Our Garage sale which happens at the end of May every year and provides funds for Maryhouse
- the annual raffle which provides funds for the foodbank and the soup kitchen
- Canada Day pancake breakfast at Shipyards Park our second biggest fund raiser of the year
- we provide two scholarships that can be applied for by students of Yukon
- we provide one bursary to Vanier Catholic Secondary School

Socials

- this past year some of our knights organized an ice fishing day as a social
- in September, we had a Filipino BBQ at the hot springs
- we have a Mother's Day dinner a social to honor our wives and mothers with the clergy
- we have a Knights Fall Ball a social for knights and their wives and the people from the parishes

Individual charity projects

- provided some wheel chair for individuals unable to get one through normal means
- provided funds for the rebuilding of a church in Africa
- we provided soccer balls for kids in Africa
- we did some work on the Catholic church in Carmacks
- individual knights have provided Christmas hampers as required
- we painted the Catholic church in Carcross
- we supported the Filipino Basketball team in their endeavour
- we supported the refugee committee

awareness raising

- to remind people what the feast of Christmas is all about, we set up Keep Christ in Christmas signs around town as well as advertise the same message on the radio and TV news media.
- we participated in the right to life walk in May
- we participated in the Legion's annual remembrance day ceremonies
- Our honour guard unit and ushers were involved with funeral and other liturgical ceremonies

MARYHOUSE
MARCH 2016 – 2017 REPORT

This has been a year of change at Maryhouse, most especially in the last few months. In November our three Directors came for a visitation of our Apostolate's oldest mission house. In the months leading up to the visitation and with the knowledge that Fr. Kieran would soon be leaving, it was becoming a question of whether or not we could continue to maintain two rather large buildings. This was coming out of a combination of three factors: present staffing, economics and an ever changing apostolic outreach.

A result of the visitation was a decision to downsize. We then went into a period of further discernment, calling in some local contractors and an architect to help us to see which building was the most realistic to use. Of course we wanted it to be Maryhouse, our original building here, but when we began looking at what would need to be done to bring it up to code and make renovations which would suit the needs of the Apostolate and the Staff, it became apparent that in truth the building to go with would be the one we ourselves built in 1962 and which we call, St. Kate's.

Basically we could move into this building, as it is, and it would give us the staffing accommodation needed, as well as space to continue on with our work of supplying emergency clothing at the door, food in the form of sandwiches on a daily basis and some emergency food which we keep to be given out as needed. The AA groups are in the process of moving out and they are excited about the new venues they have found. The former AA meeting room makes available to us a meeting room similar to our present library. We will move our library to this space and groups such as the Holy Family Apostolate, the Right to Life Group as well as our own gatherings for such things as pysanky classes and liturgical celebrations will be able to continue. There will be some work needing to be done on the building. For one thing there is a leak every spring in the basement. We are in the process of gathering estimates to have this repaired. We will also be doing some interior work which will reorganize space, making the building even more suitable for our needs. We are expecting that a couple of men from our main centre in Combermere, Ont. will be coming to help with this, however we are open to any parishioners who feel they would want to donate some time to help with this. Please feel free to call Maryhouse at 667 – 7146 to leave your name. We promise we will be in touch.

Respectfully submitted
Maureen, with Beth and Dawn



Rapport annuel 2016
Communauté Francophone
Catholique
Saint-Eugène-de-Mazenod (CFC)
1^{er} janvier au 31 décembre 2016

C'est en 1990 que la communauté francophone catholique a commencé à recevoir régulièrement des services pastoraux en français. C'est en 1998 que le Conseil d'Administration de la Communauté Francophone Catholique Saint-Eugène-de-Mazenod (CFC) a été créé pour appuyer les services de pastoral en français.

Les membres du Conseil d'Administration de la CFC:

Jean-Marc Bélanger, président ; Yann Herry, vice-président; Marie-Alexis Dangréau, trésorière ; Hélène Lapensée, secrétaire; Bernard Walsh, Eliane Cloutier, Manon Aubert, Rosemary Castanier, Stéphanie Nobécourt, Stephen Fergusson et l'abbé Jean-Augustin Somé, ptre.

Mission

Le Conseil d'Administration de la Communauté Francophone Catholique Saint-Eugène-de-Mazenod a pour mission d'assurer un service pastoral en français à la grandeur du diocèse de Whitehorse.

Présence pastorale

Le ministère pastoral a été assuré par l'Abbé Jean-Augustin Somé du diocèse de Gaoua au Burkina Faso. Le bureau du CFC est situé au rez-de-chaussée du presbytère de la paroisse du Sacré-Cœur. La mission est prise en charge par l'engagement bénévole.

Rappel des priorités 2016-2017

1. Favoriser la prise en charge communautaire des services pastoraux, plus particulièrement la Justice Sociale, l'Éducation de la Foi et la Vie Sacramentelle.
2. Accompagner la communauté chrétienne dans le processus de transition Pastoral.
3. Accentuer l'inclusion des enfants dans la vie communautaire liturgique.



Annual Report 2016
Communauté Francophone
Catholique
St-Eugène-de-Mazenod (CFC)
January 1st to December 31st, 2016

In 1990 the Catholic Francophone community started receiving regular Pastoral Services in French. The Council for the Communauté Francophone Catholique Saint-Eugène-de-Mazenod (CFC), was created in 1998 to support the French Pastoral Services.

The members of the Administration Council of CFC:

Jean-Marc Bélanger, Chair; Yann Herry, Vice-Chair; Marie- Alexis Dangréau, Treasurer; Hélène Lapensée, Secretary; Bernard Walsh, Eliane Cloutier, Manon Aubert, Rosemary Castanier, Stéphanie Nobécourt, Stephen Fergusson and Fr. Jean-Augustin Somé.

Mandate

The mandate of the Council of the Communauté Francophone Catholique St-Eugène-de-Mazenod is to assure a French Pastoral Service to the whole Diocese of Whitehorse.

Pastoral Presence

The pastoral ministry has been assumed by Father Jean-Augustin Somé from the Diocese of Gaoua in Burkina Faso. The CFC Office is situated in the Sacred-Heart Rectory at ground level. The mission is taken in charge by volunteer engagement.

2016-2017 Priorities/Goals

1. Encourage the community to be responsible for itself particularly with Social Justice, Education of the Faith and Sacramental Life.
2. Accompany the Christian community during the Pastoral transition process.
3. Increase the inclusion of children in the community liturgical life.

Accomplissements

- 30 à 40 personnes à la célébration Eucharistique dominicale.
- De 2 à 5 familles amènent leurs enfants de 2 à 6 ans à *la P'tite Pasto* une fois par mois.

- 4 enfants se préparent pour la Réconciliation et Première Communion.
- 23 enfants font parti des Parcours Catéchétiques.
- Bénévoles engagés pour la Soupe Populaire une fois aux 6 semaines.
- Chronique *Missive* publiée mensuellement dans *l'Aurore Boréale*.
- Chronique *De semaine en semaine* dans le bulletin paroissial de SHP.
- Une présence pastorale auprès de la communauté francophone et en particulier des personnes âgées, des malades et des personnes en besoin dans les organismes communautaire.
- Animation régulière de notre site informatique pour améliorer la transmission d'informations et susciter la vie d'une communauté chrétienne virtuelle. <http://cfcyukon.over-blog.com>

Respectueusement soumis par:

Les membres du Conseil d'Administration de la
Communauté francophone catholique
Saint-Eugène-de-Mazenod
Mars 2017

	2016	2015
Revenues		
Sunday Collections & Donations	\$ 182,819	\$ 185,264
Special Collections	14,968	15,343
Investment income	12,451	5,813
National Collections	9,041	9,802
CYO Hall		
Rent	5,610	5,665
Recoveries (Office rent, phone & general)	4,561	3,756
Vigil		
Lights	4,305	1,644
Soup Kitchen		
Donations	3,120	12,815
Other	2,955	3,574
Catholic French		
Community	38,274	44,187
Catholic French Community Surplus	(9,689)	(20,092)
	268,415	267,770

Expenses

Personnel Expenses:

Wages	50,699	51,509
Food & Household		
Supplies	10,101	4,958
	60,801	56,467

Apostolic Activities:

**Sacred Heart Cathedral
Pastoral Council**

Present from Council: Fr. David Reilander, Monica Best, Valerie Royle, Yolande Vachon

Regrets: Mike Power, Raul Dioquino

Parishioners: Pat Bennett, Monica Lauer, Rudy Couture, Ryan Sikkes, Penny Ferby, John Robbins, Pamela Janiga, Dianne Tait, Philip Gibson, Doug MacLean, Val Stockdale, Maureen Denis, Helene Lapensee, Jean-Marc Belanger, Father Some, Gordon Miller, Edith Elder, Michael Dougherty, Marny Ryder, Marlon Davis

Agenda Item	Discussion, Issues Raised
1. Opening Prayer	Fr. David
2. Approval of Agenda	<i>Motion to adopt the agenda as presented.</i> Motion moved (M Dougherty), seconded (D MacLean) MOTION CARRIED
3. Adoption of previous meeting minutes (May 25, 2015)	<i>Motion to adopt the previous meeting minutes as amended with misspelling of names corrected.</i> Motion moved (D MacLean), seconded (J Robbins) MOTION CARRIED
4. Questions and Comments arising from Parish Reports	Pastor's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• It was noted by P Janiga that Mass had not been held at CKES in <i>many</i> years (versus the three stated in the report)• Father Dave clarified the purpose of holding the Masses and his other involvement at the Catholic schools, all of whom have been very welcoming.• D. MacLean asked for clarification of the 4% paid by Hamilton Diocese referenced in the report.• Father David explained that Hamilton Diocese is giving us a 4% return on our funds (providing an additional ~\$6K per year) versus the 2% from the Vancouver Diocese. Parish Council <ul style="list-style-type: none">• M Davis asked about the status of the bylaw review. V Royle replied that there was only one person who provided any interest in Council's call for input, so it was decided to leave the bylaws for now.• M Davis provided her perspective on the pastoral role of council versus the current, more administrative focus.• Father David noted that canon law does not require a parish council; only a finance committee

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- R Sikkes noted that a certain level of structure is needed to get things done and questioned where is there space in the parish to discuss issues that arise.
- Father David thanked the members for their good work on behalf of the parish.

Liturgy Committee

- No questions or comments
- Father David thanked the members for their good work on behalf of the parish.

Altar Servers

- M Lauer brought up the need for a schedule.
- Father David agreed and noted that more training is needed that that there is a continuum of parish involvement for youth. He needs a parent volunteer to take this on.

Music Ministry

- R Sikkes brought up the possibility of getting more contemporary song books and the need for more musicians as outlined in the report.
- Father David thanked the musicians and singers for their good work on behalf of the parish.

Children's Alternate Liturgy

- M Davis asked how many volunteers would be needed for a third group. V Royle responded five (noted that we do not try and approach teachers since they already do this type of work as their job).
- V Royle noted that parents coming downstairs with their kids is an issue given the criminal record check requirements of the Diocesan's "Taking Care of God's People" program. She also noted that it's great to have youth leaders.
- Father David thanked the volunteers for their good work on behalf of the parish.

Youth Ministry

- V Royle highlighted the section of the Youth Ministry's Report that stated the current volunteers were finishing at the end of the school year.
- Need to revisit the paid position of Youth Minister

Soup Kitchen

- M Power submitted an e-mail question asking about the status of the "dispute" with YG over the operation of the soup kitchen
- Father David reported that he had submitted a report to environmental health but to date had received neither an acknowledgement nor a response. He had positive, informal discussions with two individuals in positions of influence. We will continue as is and have held a Food Safe course for volunteers.
- M Ryder noted that the numbers of users of the soup kitchen are increasing, while equipment is going missing. There is a lot of pressure on the

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volunteers to keep up with the increasing need for service.

- D Tait asked if there was something we could do in the meantime? Things like listing ingredients on the soup were discussed.
- Another meeting of the soup kitchen volunteers is needed.

Social Justice

- Father David noted that he would like to draw more attention to the international work of this group.
- M Davis highlighted the many local social justice initiatives in the parish
- M Dougherty said that there is a lot of support in the parish and have seen this group as a catalyst for other initiatives in the community (e.g. Yukon Cares). The 50th anniversary of Development and Peace is coming in 2017.

Maryhouse

- No questions or comments
- Father David thanked Maryhouse for their good work on behalf of the parish.

Catholic Women's League

- D MacLean asked who Coudert Bursary. M Lauer reported that it was Maria Trainor.
- Father David thanked the members for their good work on behalf of the parish.

Knights of Columbus

- No questions or comments
- Father David thanked the members for their good work on behalf of the parish.

Catholic Education Association of Yukon

- M Best asked how CEAY came to be.
- D Tait explained that it arose out of the joint council meetings of the three Catholic Schools of Whitehorse when all 15 members would get together. Forming the association (which is a registered society) provides a venue for joint issues, funding through an MOU with the Department of Education and increased profile and involvement on department initiatives.
- D Tait also reminded everyone about the upcoming school council elections. Father David indicated that he, Father Kieran and Bishop Hector have been working on something for the website.

Vanier Catholic Secondary School

- Y Vachon asked about the issue of bullying at the school. R Sikkes explained that traditional bullying has decreased but newer forms of bullying are on the rise (e.g. online) which are much more difficult

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for the school to deal with. Must also consider the roles and responsibilities of the school, parents and the police.

- M Best asked how many students are in regular secondary programming at VCSS. R Sikkes reported 350 students.

Christ the King Elementary School

- No questions or comments

Holy Family Elementary School

- No questions or comments

Comite Francophone Catholique

- M Best asked what the sessions on the Continuous Journey of Christian Life were about. H. Lapensee replied that it is catechism for children held once a month for three age levels.

Financial Statements

- M Power asked a question via e-mail regarding the transfer to the CFC that was not forecast in the budget. J Robbins explained that this was only a flow through amount as Sacred Heart does the banking for the CFC.
- M Ryder asked why the budget for the soup kitchen was reduced from \$12K in 2015 to \$8K in 2016. Father David explained that the 2016 budget was based on the 2015 actual expenditures of \$7,450. He noted that if the soup kitchen needed more money beyond the budgeted amount, it would not be a problem. Father David suggested the next Pastor's dinner be in support of the soup kitchen

5. Debriefing of Actions Resulting from 2015 AGM

All action items from the May, 2015 AGM have been completed.

6. Recognition of Volunteers

Father David reported that he will be holding a dinner to recognize volunteers within the next couple of months

7. Parish Council Elections

Raul Dioquino was nominated by V Royle, accepted the nomination and was acclaimed to a two-year term on Council.

There were no nominations from the floor.

Council will now proceed to try and solicit members in accordance with the bylaws.

8. Other Business

Father David announced that he will be leaving his position as rector of Sacred Heart parish to take a five year position as President of the Catholic Missions in Canada where he will continue to work on behalf of the north through fundraising, education, raising awareness of vocations in the North. Although he will be based in Toronto, he will visit from time to time in his new role.

V Royle thanked Father David for his time in Yukon and, on behalf of parishioners, offered him congratulations and

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9. Closing Prayer
10. Adjournment

best wishes in his new role.

Father David indicated that he will be 100% in his new role by the beginning of September, 2016 and that the search is on for a new rector.

Father David

9:38 pm