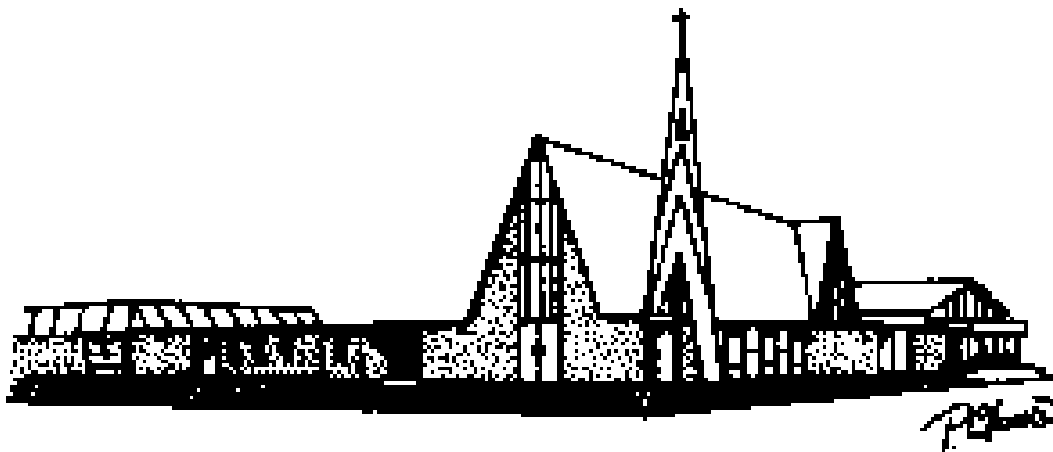


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Annual Parish Report 2014

St. Dunstan's Parish is a community of the Christian faithful. We are a community committed to worship, and to the celebration of the Word and Sacraments. We reach out to serve others, both parishioners and non-parishioners alike, with love, respect and support.

(Mission Statement)

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Note from Fr. Bill Brennan, Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

“Jesus took the five loaves and two fish, He looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke them, and gave them to His disciples to set before the crowd. And all ate and were filled.” Luke 9: 16-17

This scripture quote contains for us a true expression of what Jesus has done and continues to do in and through our parish community. This Annual Parish Report for 2014 gives us a glimpse of how abundantly God is calling forth and using the five loaves and two fish that we all have to offer in nourishing our parish and wider community with God's blessings. God is assisting our parish community through the ministry of our councils, committees, learning and formation groups and organizations. As we reflect on these pages that articulate the blessings of your generosity and involvement in parish life, may you also be reminded of all that God is doing in your personal lives, homes, work places, community service and friendships.

Our parish has two councils that provide leadership and continued guidance to God's work among us. In our Diocesan Policy for Parish Finance Councils for the Saint John Diocese we are given the following statement:

“The purpose of the Parish Pastoral Council is to promote the spiritual and pastoral growth of the parish community and to plan ways for the parish to carry out the mission of the Church. The Parish Pastoral Council represents the interests and pastoral needs of the entire parish. On the other hand, the purpose of the Finance Council is to assist the pastor in the administration of parish goods. Despite these distinctions, The Pastoral Council and the Finance Council are related in their mutual concern for the parish. For example, the Finance Council looks to the Pastoral Council for a statement of the mission of the parish and some type of pastoral plan with parish priorities. On the other hand, the Pastoral Council looks to the Finance Council for sound financial guidance and planning regarding the resources needed to develop and implement parish plans and programs.”

You will see this evolving relationship of the Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Council reflected in the content of this report. Both councils strive to meet monthly and they continue to vision and plan based on input received in several general meetings over the past few years, including last years Annual General Meeting. The Pastoral Council continues to keep the Diocesan Pastoral Plan on their agenda for inspiration and guidance in pastoral planning.

In January 2015, we welcomed Fr. Shawn Daley, a priest of the Scarboro Missions Society to our parish. Already he has taken some new initiatives that have resulted in Taize prayer evenings in Lent, meditations on depictions of the Lord's Supper during Holy Week and the Triduum, and an evening of welcome and listening during Lent. There is definitely more to come. I am very grateful for his gift among us and know I share that with you all.

You will see in the 2015 Budget that there continues to be provision for growth and enhancement of pastoral activity in our parish mission in the areas of liturgy, social action, pastoral visitation, adult faith formation, children's faith formation and hospitality ministry. The efforts in all of these ministries builds on the wonderful generosity of parishioners over the years to provide a strong financial base for us to carry out our mission to grow and deepen in our relationship with the Holy Trinity and to serve the mission of Jesus Christ in our local and global community.

In the first pages of this report you will see the activity of the Parish Pastoral Council and the committees and groups assisting with the mission of the Pastoral Council. These are the Liturgy Committee, Children's Faith Formation Committee, High School Youth Ministry, Social Action Advisory Committee, Pastoral Visitation Committee and Welcoming New Parishioners (Hospitality) Committee. In the area of Adult Faith Formation we have the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, Little Rock Scripture Study and 'On Good Soil' gatherings. 'On Good Soil' is a document from the Canadian Catholic Bishops to assist initiatives in dioceses and parishes throughout Canada with the faith formation of adults. We also have the many gifts of the Catholic Women's League and Legion of Mary reflected in this report. There is also good attention being given to the mission of Social Action. This is evident in the Christmas exchange program, the initiatives in support of the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace, the budding support of immigrants joining our parish and your support of the outreach to many living in vulnerable circumstances in our local area.

In the later pages of this report you will see the activity of the Parish Finance Council with our Income Statement for 2014, Budget for 2015 and status of our investments for the parish as well as the Hermitage Cemetery. Reflected also is the activity of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, the Hermitage Cemetery Committee and the installation of a new heating system. It is important to note that we continue to implement the Responsible Ministry protocol for the Diocese of Saint John by seeing that employees and volunteers had completed the 'Covenant of Care' form and that those ministering with vulnerable adults and minors, as well as others required by the protocol, complete the Police Record Check and Vulnerable Sector Search. Thank you to everyone for your cooperation and support as we provide a safe and loving environment for everyone.

I want to thank everyone for your prayerful support as well as your openness to God's invitation to minister within the liturgies, councils, committees, groups and organizations in the parish and ministry in your own homes and the variety of community services you take on. I also want to thank our parish staff for their continued dedication and good work in our parish. I am very grateful for each of you. On the occasion of her retirement this year, I want to thank Verley Bridges for her wonderful care of our rectory and all of us who have lived there over her 15 years with us.

I join the entire parish in thanking God who indeed lives in us and walks among us. I continue to be well nourished by Christ's use of everyone's loaves and fishes to create such a miracle of life as we have expressed in these pages.

Blessings,

Fr. Bill Brennan, Pastor

St. Dunstan's Parish Pastoral Council
Report for January-June 2014

We are pleased to present this report to the parishioners of St. Dunstan's. Thank you for your continued support.

January

- Discussion regarding heating system. Electricity was viewed as the best option.
- Guidelines for greeters being developed.
- More involvement of children and youth in Masses.
- Training for youth altar servers is being provided by parents.
- Father Brennan noted that the RCIA group has a different look this year. Instead of only meeting as a large group, people will gather in smaller groups at home. They will still meet as a larger group but not as often as before.
- Beginning of Lay Formation Program.
- Diocesan Pastoral Plan--Stewardship and Leadership were examined and discussed. Members brainstormed about these two objectives.

February

- Approval was given for updated heating system.
- Religious Education-Catechist retreat at the Villa Madonna.
- NET (National Evangelical Team) will visit March 16.
- Lay Formation--a support committee is going to be created to assist individuals.

March

- St. Patrick's Dance-donations to Development and Peace
- Social Action-Food Bank donations received
- Purchase of audio visual equipment-laptop and projector

April

- Religious Education-plans underway for World Youth Day in Poland, July 2016, approximately \$3500 per person
- Dates for Parish Pastoral Council elections were determined

May

no meeting

June

- Religious Education-First year of the "Be My Disciples" program has been completed
- Planning underway for Steubenville Youth Conference
- Social Action-Welcoming Immigrants Committee-objective is for committee members to introduce themselves to new people in the parish. Members will ask new parishioners if they are interested in attending a meeting in the Fall.
- CWL National Convention-Verna Shaw provided us some information on the upcoming convention-August 10-13.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Flynn, Past Chair

REPORT FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1ST – DECEMBER 31ST, 2014

Dear Parishioners of St. Dunstan's Parish,

I was approached last fall, to put my name down for the upcoming election for the Parish Pastoral Council. I never expected to be nominated Chair; my intention was simply to be part of this wonderful organization. There is so much going on and so many activities behind the scene, this is truly an eye opener. One can only wonder and be amazed at the energy that emerges from this Parish. I personally want to thank everyone who contributes to all the good that happens in this community. We are also blessed to have two wonderful Shepherds, Father Bill and Father Shawn to guide us in this journey. Thank you so much for your wisdom.

OCTOBER

- ✓ Religious Education Program Committee was moved from a 3 person committee to a 5 person committee. Patrick Craig will stay one more year to help facilitate the Committee's work;
- ✓ Last summer, the parish had a heating conversion to electrical. Two new boilers were installed in the basement. Heat pumps were installed in the rectory;
- ✓ The Baptistry space (Regent Street entrance) needed to be cleaned up due to dampness and leaks were repaired;
- ✓ Jennifer Flynn will represent the parish for the Diocesan Pastoral Plan (DPP) Implementation at the next meeting of the regional group.

NOVEMBER

- ✓ There is a need for more Eucharistic ministers and the Liturgy committee is looking at ways to reach out to all parishioners to increase their roles in church liturgies;
- ✓ Discussion on how the Christmas Exchange program works and is carried out in our parish;
- ✓ 2015 is the 50th Anniversary of the opening of the church. Although a committee is not formed yet, Fr. Bill is looking into finding members who would be willing to serve on it;
- ✓ Jennifer read a letter from the New Freeman editorial group requesting feedback on content, format and presentation. Jennifer is to request feedback from parishioners through a church bulletin notice.

DECEMBER

- ✓ Update on the various work done by the committees was provided by Father Bill;
- ✓ Update on the situation at the Hermitage Cemetery on Woodstock Road in regard to the erosion and damage on the riverbank.

Respectfully submitted,

Nadine Lamoureux, Chair

Pastoral Visitation Ministry Committee

Report of the Pastoral Visitation Committee – 2014

Committee Members – Jayne Nicki, Susan Marshall, Glenda Barrington, Charles Rowan

Taxi Vouchers

This program was set up to provide transportation for parishioners who did not have transportation to attend Mass. It was the Committee's solution to the complications of having persons picking up these parishioners and bringing them to Mass due to the Diocesan Guidelines which would have required two persons in the car who were unrelated, criminal checks for those involved in the ministry and additional car insurance.

This is the first full year where taxi vouchers have been supplied so we now have an idea what the costs to the Parish will be. During 2014, 18 persons took advantage of this program. The monthly average usage was 8-10 persons.

Pastoral Visitation

Early in the year, the Committee held an evening Information Session for persons interested in becoming Extraordinary Ministers in the program. Twenty persons attended the session. As a result of that session and two private sessions held with individuals, we had enough persons for training. The Committee then conducted an evening training session.

We have included some members of the Legion of Mary in our roster of EMs as they have primary responsibility for Pine Grove Senior's Home. Most of the Legion of Mary persons involved with Pine Grove attended the training session. EMs trained for Pastoral Visitation assist in distributing communion, make visits and help with the monthly Mass at Pine Grove.

At the end of 2014, we have 15 persons who are involved as EMs in Pastoral Visitation. One EM is also involved in Pastoral Care at the Dr. Everett Chalmers Hospital and one is involved at the DVA Hospital. Of the 15, 12 are either Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers or both at the Parish Masses.

During the year at Pine Grove, 9 residents received communion and 3 received just visits. Our EMs distributed communion to 13 parishioners in their homes, visited 3 parishioners and one parishioner was walked to Mass because of her visual impairment.

In October, we discussed sponsoring a workshop on the Eucharist for our EMs. This was finalized and took place in late January. The Committee plans to sponsor more workshops to provide spiritual training to supplement the training on the "mechanics" of Pastoral Visitation.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Dilworth, Chair

The children's faith formation program for St. Dunstan's Parish is headed by a committee of five whose members are: Kim Baxter, Patrick Craig, Carole Dilworth (Chair), Craig Mercer, Alexis Smith and Fr. Brennan (ex officio). This committee is answerable to the Parish Council. In the fall of 2014, with Council's approval, the Committee's membership was increased from three to five persons. It was suggested that the name be changed from the "Religious Education Committee" to the "Children's Faith Formation Committee". This change was approved at the March 2015 meeting of the Parish Council. The Committee has met monthly since November to oversee and address topics and issues related to delivery of the children's faith programs.

Description of Activities Related to the Children's Faith Formation Program for 2014

Committee Activities carried out from January till October 2014:

- The Committee and various coordinators of specific areas of faith formation program registration and establish class and email lists, and make resources available for worked tirelessly to support catechists and recruit new catechists for the fall, oversee catechists and offer resource room support. The Faith Formation Committee increased it's membership from 3 to 5 persons in November. The Committee members until then were Veronica McGinn, Kim Baxter and Patrick Craig. Thank you to Veronica McGinn for completing her term on the committee and her role with this committee as we got it up and moving the past 2 years.
- The Pilot project of 'Be My Disciples' Religious education Program was completed. The decision was made to implement this Program as our parish resource in accord with the recommendation by Bishop Harris to use this program throughout the diocese.
- First Reconciliation and First Communion were celebrated with the Grade 2 children.
- A closing celebration to thank the Catechists and rejoice in all that God had done throughout the year was held in May.
- In the fall we were pleased to have an increase in the number of children registered and have enough catechists for each year level and a supportive group of parents.

Committee activities carried out in the fall of 2014:

- A workshop was held in late November to seek the perspective of catechists on their use of the new catechetical program for kindergarten to grade 8, entitled “Be My Disciples”. Participants were asked to respond to two questions: one related to their perception with regard to positive aspects of the program, while the second question probed for outstanding concerns and challenges. The results were tabulated, summarized and conclusions drawn. A summary of findings was handed out at a recent meeting of catechists on Feb. 22, 2015;
- The Resource Centre volunteers continue to maintain and organize the material to support the catechists. They are also responsible for tracking weekly attendance, providing information to enquiring parents/guardians and generally offering friendly presence to all who visit the room during class time. Resource volunteers also maintain the electronic database of children registered in the catechetical program;
- A compilation of data collected off the attendance sheets was provided recently to the Committee. These data show that the enrolment figure for children and youth in the 2014-2015 program stands at 139. On average, there are at least 100 children attending weekly, with an average attendance to mid-December of 70% of total registrants;
- The Committee continues to ensure that the Sunday school program is fully operational, including having a full complement of catechists on board. Some challenges were encountered throughout the fall term, but fortunately parents have stepped forward to fill vacancies occurring when former catechists moved on to assume other responsibilities;
- A delightful Christmas celebration was held in December with the Guest of Honour: *Jesus, the Christ Child*. Music, birthday cake and ice cream were enjoyed by approximately 200 attendees. Youth in the upper classes served the refreshments. Families were invited to bring one gift of \$5 or less drawn from a list of possible items provided beforehand to make shopping easier for parents. Gifts were placed at the crèche and then distributed to residents of the Pine Grove Nursing Home and the Veteran’s Unit at the Chalmer’s hospital. From feedback it appears that the gifts were gratefully received;

- The bulletin board outside the Resource Centre (room) has been revamped for use by children and youth with catechists and others encouraged to add postings associated with children/youth programs or activities. It is being kept up to date by the Committee with special emphasis on the Liturgical seasons of the church;

Outstanding business:

- The Committee continues to grapple with how to incorporate music and communal prayer into the catechetical program during the time of 10:00 to maximum time of 11:15am;
- An even larger issue is how to comply with the requirements of the Diocese under the Responsible Ministry protocols. This involves finding ways to incorporate better Sign In/Sign Out procedures for the children and youth in our care under the age of 19 years. A plan was recently devised and will be implemented in April on a trial basis;
- Preliminary plans are underway for a Sunday school closing in May. The Committee is investigating the possibility of a picnic held off-site at which time the catechists will be recognized for their ministry this year. It will also afford us an opportunity to encourage volunteers to step forward as teachers for the next year; and, finally,
- The Kidz Catholic Camp is presently in need of a new coordinator. Given the timeline for the camp this year, it has been suggested that we delay offering a camp for a year and use that time to attract that person. Some options for finding a coordinator are being considered.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Dilworth, Chair

A faith-based summer camp was offered to elementary-age children at St. Dunstan's Parish in Fredericton during the week of June 23-29. Months in the planning, the Camp Committee chose the program produced by Cat Chat Productions entitled, "Marvelous Mystery: The Mass Comes Alive". The program was tailored to meet the needs of our Parish and offered to 60 campers by a volunteer staff of 25 teens and 23 adults, some working "behind the scenes" and others daily "on site".

The camp offered crafts, theme-related games, skits, lively music and snack time with Bible stories. The elements of the Mass were taught by Fr. Bill Brennan, Fr. John Jennings and Charles Rowan. Father Bill taught the children about the Gloria prayer and about God's mercy (both His blessings and in His forgiveness). He invited each child to compose his/her own prayer. Eight-year old Mitchell prayed: "Thank you God for mattresses so that we can have a good night's sleep, Lord have mercy". When Father John taught the Liturgy of the Word, he said: "Our Liturgy of the Word contains stories passed along from our faith ancestors". While sitting comfortably with the youngsters on the steps of the sanctuary, he explained that all families have stories, especially ones that have to do with special celebrations or special events in our families. He drew an analogy with the celebration of the Eucharist and invited children to share their special family stories.

On the last day of the camp, Charles Rowan explained the purpose and instruction associated with the Dismissal part of the Mass. He called on campers to identify ways that they could share the Good News. When asked about her camp experience, one little girl shouted, "Awesome-tastic"! That pretty well summed it up for all the campers.

A few new innovations were introduced this year. The main one was to sort the campers into groups of mixed ages. This was different from the previous year where campers were assigned to camp groups according to school grade. The idea was to create "camp families" whereby the older children in a group helped the younger ones, as would be done in a family. This new approach worked very well. The five "camp families" were identified by the monikers of: *Altar Servers*, *Lectors*, *Greeters*, *Choir* and *Laity*.

The camp was free-of-charge to families. Most of the children were from St. Dunstan's Parish with about 20% of others welcomed from the surrounding parishes of St. Francis of Assisi, St. Theresa's, St. John and Paul and Our Lady of Fatima.

The camp closed with the 9:00 am Mass on Sunday during which campers wore their "shocking green" T-shirts with the design showing symbols of the Eucharist. They took an active part in Mass as Altar Servers, Lectors and Presenters of the Gifts. They also sang for the parishioners the camp song, "Good Morning, Jesus".

As a parting gift from the Parish, campers were given both their T-shirts and the gift of a book entitled, "The Mass Comes Alive" by Angela M. Burrin (ISBN 978-1-59325-182-6). Fr. Bill encouraged the families to take the book home, treasure it and read it often.

The cost to the Parish of this year's camp was close to \$2000.00, with about \$30 dollars spent per child and teen volunteer. The greatest expenses were: the purchase of the program (\$200), the parish gifts of T-shirt (\$847.39) for the 60 campers and 25 teen volunteers, and the book (\$ \$699.00) for the campers. Members of the Camp Planning Committee were: Geri Born, Susan Butterfield, Carole Dilworth, Karen Morris, Mary McMahon, Marilyn Rowan and Bob and Verna Shaw.

A special thanks as well as deep-felt appreciation is extended to all the *youth* and *adult volunteers* without whom this camp could not have been offered! We also wish to particularly thank the ladies of the CWL who baked mini-muffins for the children to enjoy upon arrival at camp. We also acknowledge and thank all the parish staff and particularly Eugene for his assistance in setting up and dismantling the camp. Finally, a sincere thanks to Fr. Brennan for his unfailing support.

A story describing the camp was published in an August edition of diocesan newspaper, "The New Freeman".

Respectfully submitted,
Carole Dilworth, Chair and Camp Coordinator

High School Youth Ministry

Confirmation: Thank you to Veronica McGinn and Catherine Harrop for their generous ministry as catechists for the Confirmation candidates. In addition to regular Sunday morning Religious Education gatherings we had several evening sessions with the youth, parents and sponsors together as an opportunity for all of them to grow in their understanding of Confirmation and to identify the constant way the Holy Spirit has been active in their lives, especially through these youth.

There were also regular youth gatherings for grade 10-12 on Sunday afternoons twice a month. These gatherings centered on a 'faith' theme, prayer, and discussion. They also made good use of the gym at each gathering. They also hosted a 'Think Fast' evening centered on the Development and Peace 'Think Fast' activities. St. Theresa's parish youth joined them for an excellent evening. As well, a group of Grade 9-12 youth from the parish attended the 12 Hours for the Homeless, sponsored by Youth in Transition.

Many thanks to our adult youth leaders through 2014; Sr. Karen Kelly, Katie Black, Alex Black and Rebecca Procure.

St. Dunstan's Liturgy Committee Annual Report for 2014

The Liturgy committee met bi-monthly, during the months of January, March, May, September and November 2014. In addition to arranging for all the liturgical needs for all Masses from January through December, there were also three special Masses that were organised: the Anointing Mass for sick and seniors on Thursday June 12th, the Mass of Remembrance on Wednesday Nov 12th, and the Wedding Anniversary Mass on Saturday November 15th.

The committee consisted of the following members:

Clergy: Fr Bill Brennan and Deacon Ken Parker

Scheduler of Ministries: Cecilia White drew up the schedules for Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers for all four weekend Masses, the weekday masses and special occasion Masses. The regular schedules were made at three-monthly intervals, for the periods January-March, April-June, July-September and October-December.

Music Ministry Liaison: Dianne Roxborough Brown was responsible for communicating with the music ministers, and also for scheduling music ministers for special occasion Masses.

Sacristan Liaison: Josie Mazzuca coordinated the sacristans for all Masses. Josie prepared printed guidelines for the sacristans.

Adult Altar Server Liaison: Marie Costello was responsible for recruiting, training and scheduling adult Altar Servers. Marie has prepared a printed list of guidelines for the altar servers.

Lector Recruitment and Training: Dan Toner

Eucharistic Minister Recruitment and Training: John and Marg Denning

Art and Environment Liaison: Alison Phalen oversaw the sub-committee responsible for decorating the church at Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Ministry of Greeters: In the fall of 2104, Edith Robichaud Davis and Bob Davis began to compile a list of volunteers to act as greeters. A printed list of guidelines for greeters has been prepared.

St. Dunstan's Social Action Activity

We approach Social Action by focusing on the following three distinct but connected areas:

1. Our Local Community: This past December the Christmas Exchange took place. Thank you to the coordinator, Jennifer Pazienza and many volunteers. Jennifer has provided a wonderful and detailed report that is available as a handout to parishioners. (Available at the AGM).

There is also an effort among downtown churches and outreach organizations to get more connected in communicating what each are doing to assist those in need . This will present us with opportunities to support what is already happening and find ways to take on new initiatives as we discern what needs are not being met with the vulnerable among us. The Parish Pastoral Council, the Social Action Advisory Committee and Parish Finance Council will keep this as a key area for discernment and action. This will help us improve our care for those in need. Presently requests that come to us are handled by Fr. Bill on a one-to-one basis.

Our parish has been very generous in contributing to the Food Bank (especially through the Food Requests at Lent and other times of the year) and to our poor and needy fund. You will see a report of our financial outreach to others in the financial reports in this booklet. Thank you for your generosity.

2. Nationally: We continue to promote a deepening relationship with Canadian Catholic Missions through the subscription of their monthly magazine and making them available to parishioners at the entrance of the church. We also promote annual giving to this mission through the specified collection we have each year.
3. Internationally: We have an active group who organize the Fall Campaign and Lenten Activities for the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace. There has been an emphasis on education through the many D&P posters and pamphlets that we provide at the Church entrances. On Solidarity Sunday, D&P make a presentation at each of the Masses. There has been an enthusiastic response to all of these efforts by the signing of the Fall Campaign petitions and contributing financially to the mission and ministry of Development and Peace.

We have also offered financial support to efforts by local groups in New Brunswick assisting with the education and rebuilding of the lives of Haitians after the earthquake. Our contributions support the education of children and youth who are rebuilding their lives.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

We are pleased to offer a report on the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), the Little Rock Scripture Study, the 'On Good Soil' gatherings and the Diocesan Lay Pastoral Ministry Formation Program.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

At the Easter Vigil we welcomed 4 new members into our Church. Throughout the summer and into the fall and winter months 6 more people embarked on the RCIA journey. Each of them were accompanied by one or two adults from our parish who took on the dual ministry of catechist and sponsor. They gathered regularly to reflect on the Sunday Gospel, to share how they were experiencing God's blessings in the Sunday Liturgies, personal prayer and daily life experiences. They used a special resource called 'Journey of Faith' that are presented in pamphlet format and cover many themes of our faith. This approach has allowed people to meet at times that are convenient for them and flexible in regards to family and work commitments. There were also several gatherings with everyone present to share insights, respond to questions, reflect on specific themes and pray together.

Thank you to Marilyn Rowan who has taken on the coordination of this process and for Thelma and David Innes, Jacques and Tina Belanger, Marie Costello, Bob Michaud, Jennifer Thompson, Carole Dilworth, Mary Holland, Veronica Saliendra, Merleta Quebral, George MacMullin and Mary McMahon for your ministry in accompanying Trevor Lyons, Samantha Liston, Erika Justason, Gordon Dobson, Danny Elliott, Penny Fairwick, Sharon Burke, Gladys Chege, Brett Jones, and Wylie Casey, our new members.

'On Good Soil' Gatherings

There were 5 monthly gatherings from January to May 2014 as we continued to become familiar with the 'On Good Soil' document published by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. This document is a resource to assist parishes and diocese in understanding the present environment in which we evangelize and deepen our Christian faith in Canada. It offers deep insights into the possibilities and challenges that we face in planning adult faith development in our church and our outreach in proclaiming the Good News of Christ in our world. We made 2 attempts in the winter months to meet. Both times we had a snow storm. We are presently looking at the final unit of this book which offers specific suggestions for parishes and dioceses as they intentionally plan for Adult Faith Formation. Our leadership group of Marie Costello, Chris McAloon, Nadine Lamoureux and Fr. Bill Brennan will continue to meet to help us move forward with the next step.

Diocesan Lay Pastoral Ministry Formation Program

This Diocesan program entered it's second year of the two year journey. We are deeply saddened by the passing of Cliff Fournier who was one of the participants in the program from St. Dunstan's. Cliff brought a faith-filled heart, seeking spirit, and a sharp and inquiring mind to the group. We know that Easter has come to him in all of it's fullness. We continue to keep Heather Maillet, Paola Marusic and George MacMullin in our prayers and offer them parish support as they live the gift and commitment as participants in the Diocesan Lay Pastoral Ministry Formation Program. Thank you to the Lay Pastoral Ministry Formation Program support committee of Charles Rowan, Pam Breau, Jayne Nicki and Chris McAloon.

Little Rock Scripture Study is a diocesan-supported, parish-based program that originated in Little Rock, Arkansas, in 1974, and has been offered in our parish since the fall of 2003. Its purpose is to lead people to a greater understanding and appreciation of Scripture. Through prayer, personal study, weekly small-group discussion, and video lectures, we develop the connection between faith and daily life.

Specific books or themes contained in the Bible are selected for weekly study in both fall and winter terms. The table that follows indicates the studies and number of regular participants for the 2014 calendar year.

<i>Winter term</i> 6 sessions	<i>Study</i>	<i>Number of participants</i>
	<i>Isaiah</i> (second half)	Tuesday morning -20 Thursday evening 9
<i>Fall term</i> 7 sessions	<i>Introduction to the Bible</i>	Tuesday morning -20 Thursday evening - 13

Following the study of *Isaiah*, DVD presentations by Father Ron Rolheiser, OMI, on the passion and death of Christ were offered in the same time frame as the morning and evening Little Rock sessions for four consecutive weeks in Lent. Parishioners were invited to attend one or all of these sessions and to participate in an optional discussion period.

Although called “study,” the program is not an intimidating academic exercise. It involves assigned reading at home – helped greatly by the commentary of a biblical scholar – followed by the sharing of insights at our weekly meetings. We develop a strong sense of community in our journeying together and a greater awareness of the struggles we all face in trying to live our faith in a secular world.

Little Rock is open to anyone wishing the deeper personal relationship with God that can be found in reading the inspired words of Scripture. Greater understanding of the meaning and context of the words themselves is the reward for engaging in discussion with group members. We usually have two studies a year and always welcome new members.

Respectfully submitted,

Jayne Nicki, Facilitator



Mission Statement: The Catholic Women's League of Canada is a National Organization rooted in Gospel values calling its' members to holiness through service to the people of God.

ST. DUNSTAN'S PARISH COUNCIL CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE ANNUAL REPORT - 2014

I began my term as President of St. Dunstan's Parish Council Catholic Women's League in January of this year. It has been a very busy year as not only was I learning the duties of my new position but also St. Dunstan's Church was the host Parish for the Annual National Convention of The Catholic Women's League of Canada and I was a member of the Liturgy Committee for this convention.

In January we spent considerable time turning over duties to the new chairpersons, setting up a new system for our financial records and preparing our budget. Father Brennan presided over our Installation of Officers Ceremony followed by a small reception and our Reception of New Members Ceremony. Several of our members attended the Women's Inter-Church Council Christian Unity Celebration with guest speakers from several faith backgrounds. A letter with information about the Catholic Women's League and describing our work in the community was inserted in the Parish Bulletin encouraging parishioners to join our organization.

From January to May and September to November members from St. Dunstan's CWL provide an afternoon of bingo along with prizes at Pine Grove Nursing Home once a month followed by a birthday cake to celebrate with residents who have had their birthday that particular month.

Each year we sell tickets on a homemade quilt that is donated by St. Dunstan's quilters and this along with our Pancake Supper, 45's Card Party and Supper Bridge are our big fundraisers. Thanks to our Marathon Bridge group we also are given a donation from them each year. With the funds we raise we are able to help out many organizations in the community as well as assisting in the Parish and helping with the spiritual development of our members. In the community we contribute to Chrysalis House, Transition House, the Men's and Women's Shelter, the Fredericton Food Bank and the Fredericton Community Kitchen. We have a baby shower in April for Birthright and also present them with a donation. We give a large donation each year to the Parish, present the priest, deacon and staff at the MBFC with monetary gifts, contribute to the Parish Christmas Hampers and present gifts to the RCIA, the first communion and confirmation candidates. With Spiritual Development we assist our members who attend the CWL Retreat at Villa Madonna and the Fredericton Right to Life Benefit Dinner, contribute to the TV Daily Mass, the Mass for Shut-Ins, hold a Mini Retreat during Lent and each fall hold a Prayer Breakfast with a guest speaker. Along with the Knights of Columbus we co-sponsored the play Maximilian - Saint of Auschwitz. We supported our members by paying 1/2 of their registration fee in order to encourage them to attend the Annual National Convention and we have an Education Fund to assist any member that would like to attend study groups, conferences or workshops that will benefit them spiritually.

To celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel, members attended the Saturday evening Mass, wore their CWL scarves and took part as Server, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. We participated in the Perpetual Rosary in May and the Executive held an Appreciation Tea for our members to thank them for their support during the year. I along with other members of our CWL attended the Diocesan and Provincial Council Annual Conventions. We had over 30 members attend the Annual National Convention. At our Anniversary Meeting we presented two Maple Leaf Service Awards and twelve service pins - two of them for 50 years of service and two for 60 years of service. We finished off the year with a beautiful Christmas supper where we had over 50 members attending.

Sadly, we lost several of our members this year but we know they are watching over us and walking along beside us as we continue to work for God and Canada.

Respectfully submitted,

Verna Shaw, President
St. Dunstan's Catholic Women's League

LEGION OF MARY REPORT (2014)

- We meet on a regular basis once a week.
- Our founder is Frank Duff.
- The Legion of Mary is an association of Catholic laity who serve the Church on a voluntary basis.
- Active and auxiliary members (praying)
- Spiritual works of mercy
- You can be an auxiliary member by praying the catena and Rosary and you don't have to attend meetings.
- Promote First Saturday and Adoration
- Promote Divine Mercy Sunday
- Say the Rosary after Mass through the week
- Take Holy Communion to residents at Pine Grove.

This is our main function and this is done on a regular basis.

Go to Pine Grove once a month and help the priest for Mass, reading and singing.

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Following copied from THE LEGION OF MARY

90 Years of Evangelization

Touched by the Holy Spirit, the Legion of Mary, a lay parish-based organization, has a plan of action to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the truths of our Catholic faith. We are called to welcome with love and caring those who have stopped practicing their faith, to invite those who have no church family, and to share our faith with other Christians within the parish community. With Mary's example and prayer, we grow as disciples ever faithful to Jesus and ever wanting to reveal Him.

Message from Parish Finance Council

Members: Janet Crealock, Elaine Spalding, Eileen Ryan, John McGinnis and Kevin Roherty

First of all, a special thank-you to Janet Crealock who has completed her term on the Finance Council at the end of December and served as Chair of our Council. Thank you for your wise advice and leadership.

We thank the Buildings and Grounds Committee and the Cemetery Committee for their on-going planning and overseeing the various projects relating to regular maintenance and capital improvement. The detail of their work is well articulated in their committee reports in this booklet.

A special thank-you to Peter Fitzpatrick and Rod Nolan of our Ad Hoc Committee for the Replacement of our Heating System. You will see from the financial reports and their committee report at the Annual General Meeting that this project is close to completion with very satisfactory results. They have both contributed many hours of attention, advice and expertise to this project. Many thanks to you both.

We are delighted to provide you with the following reports of your generosity.

- 1) the 2013 and 2014 income statements and 2015 Proposed Budget
- 2) a summary of our investments
- 3) a summary of special collections remitted and outreach to the needy
- 4) the Hermitage Cemetery income statement, budget and investments.

We thank you for your generous financial support to the needs of the parish. This allows us to minister to the needs of many and live a vibrant pastoral life in union and on mission with Jesus Christ. Many Thanks!!

Blessings!

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT

Role Description and Mandate

The Building and Grounds Committee is a committee of the Parish Financial Council. Its role is to assist the parish in attending to the following areas:

- Ordinary General Maintenance of buildings and grounds
- Extraordinary Maintenance of buildings and grounds

Summary of Maintenance Completed in 2014/15

- The steeple has been leaking into the church for many years. To address this issue the steeple was first cleaned out and inspected for structural integrity. No significant corrosion was found through the inspection. Repairs to the steeple were then completed to stop the leaks into the church and minor repairs to the external sheathing on the steeple were completed.
- The rectory and church wooden trim was painted and re-caulked. This was a large job requiring all window trim, eaves, doorways etc. to be repainted and re-caulked due to the bare wood being exposed in many cases (painting and re-caulking was overdue). One window on the King Street side of the church was found to have a rotten sill that is planned to be repaired in 2015/16.
- Windows were installed in all class room doors in the Monsignor Boyd Family Center.

Planned Maintenance for 2015/16

- The rotten window sill found during painting in 2014/15 (see above) will be replaced. Estimate for repairs is \$800.00.
- Starting in May the Stucco on the Monsignor Boyd Family Center will be repaired and/or replaced. The Stucco on the large wall facing the Centennial Building will be removed and reapplied because the Stucco has been damaged by water getting underneath. All other walls will have the Stucco repaired and then repainted. The wooden plank bumper (to prevent vehicle damage) mounted to the wall is rotten in a number of areas; as a result, all the plank bumpers will be removed and new plank bumpers reinstalled. Estimate is \$14,500.00
- The wooden trim on the Monsignor Boyd Family Center will be painted and re-caulked. Estimate is \$3000.00.
- Carpets in the Monsignor Boyd Family Center office and lounge area are worn out and require replacement. The main office desk (this is a built in desk) will either be repaired or completely replaced. Total estimate is \$8000.00
- New handicap parking spaces (3 or 4) on the Brunswick Street side of the church will be installed complete with a ramp to the church entrance. Estimated cost \$16 000.
- The coating on the church roof is increasingly becoming an eyesore as more of the coating comes off each year. The side of the church roof facing King Street has lost significantly more coating than the Brunswick Street side. Options are being explored to either patch (if possible) or coat the entire roof. At this time, an estimated cost is not available; however given the height, steep incline, and surface area of the roof this could become a significant expenditure. Once we have a repair option recommended with estimated costs, we will bring it forth for more discussion.

Hermitage Cemetery Committee Report

The past year was a very busy one for the Hermitage Cemetery Committee. Although we lost a large tree along the river bank due to post Tropical Storm Arthur, we were fortunate that overall, little damage was done and total cost of tree removal and repairs was approximately \$1500.

The committee's major activity over the past year was to begin addressing the erosion issue along the river bank. Over the years, the annual spring freshet and accompanying ice flows have caused the riverbank to deteriorate and some "slump age" at the edge of our property has occurred. An engineering consulting firm was engaged to review the situation and the result is that remedial action is required to protect grave sites along the riverbank. Accordingly, once this year's freshet passes, your committee will review all options and make a recommendation to the Parish Finance committee as to how this issue should be dealt with. This will be a major undertaking and parishioners will be kept informed as we move forward.

Other matters under review by the Committee include the upgrading of software for record keeping purposes, the possible removal of the vault and the building of a columbarium. We are also working with a regional cemetery committee in an effort to have consistent policies and perhaps achieve savings through coordinated purchase of common services.

In closing I would like to thank my fellow committee members, Peter Cashin, Larry Sweeney and our newest member, Gerry Keenan for their continued work and support. Thanks as well to Marlita Chase for the administrative details and support of the Hermitage.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Roherty, Chair

St. Dunstan's Parish Summary of 2013 and 2014 Operating Account and 2014 Budget

INCOME	ACTUAL 2013	ACTUAL 2014	BUDGET 2015
Offertory Collection	\$ 404,695.00	\$ 422,614.00	\$ 432,000.00
Other (Vigil, advertising, flowers, baptisms)	<u>\$ 56,638.00</u>	<u>\$ 46,701.00</u>	<u>\$ 47,000.00</u>
	<u>\$ 461,333.00</u>	<u>\$ 469,315.00</u>	<u>\$ 479,000.00</u>
EXPENSES			
Operating Expenses	\$ 265,978.00	\$ 277,525.00	\$ 265,000.00
Rectory	\$ 22,401.00	\$ 22,239.00	\$ 30,000.00
Salaries & Benefits	<u>\$ 184,156.00</u>	<u>\$ 147,552.00</u>	<u>\$ 184,000.00</u>
	<u>\$ 472,535.00</u>	<u>\$ 447,316.00</u>	<u>\$ 479,000.00</u>
ORDINARY SURPLUS (Deficit)	\$ (11,202.00)	\$ 21,999.00	\$.00
SPECIAL ITEMS			
Building Fund	\$ 11,269.00	\$ 11,437.00	\$ 11,000.00
Bequests	\$ 23,686.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -
Investment Income	\$ 58,068.00	\$ 68,441.00	\$ 68,000.00
Major Repairs	\$ (57,875.00)	\$ (240,062.00)	\$ (120,000.00)
Office Equipment & Furniture	\$ (30, 242.00)	\$	\$ -
Special Levy for Pension	<u>\$ (45,513.00)</u>	<u>\$ (42,595.00)</u>	<u>\$ (45,000.00)</u>
	<u>\$ 40,587.00</u>	<u>\$ (196,779.00)</u>	<u>\$ (86,000.00)</u>
NET SURPLUS (Deficit)	\$ (51,789.00)	\$ (174,780.00)	\$ (86,000.00)

St. Dunstan's Investments at December 31, 2014 (Book Value)

Our Investments at December 31, 2014

Amounts Invested in IPLF:

Lansdowne Investment	\$ 142,377.00
School Investment	\$ 130,420.00
Estates & other	<u>\$ 110,719.00</u>
	<u>\$ 383,516.00</u>

Amounts Invested in Stock Market/Bond Market

National Bank – Portfolio A	\$ 375,503.00
National Bank – Portfolio B	\$ 409,160.00
National Bank – Fixed Income	<u>\$ 890,184.00</u>
	<u>\$ 1,674,847.00</u>
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	<u>\$ 2,058,363.00</u>

During the year 2014 the parish undertook various major upgrades and renovations. Principally was the conversion of the property's heating system. These upgrades will be completed in 2015.

These capital improvements were financed by way of a term loan with The National Bank. The outstanding balance of this loan facility at December 31, 2014 stood at \$245,475. Interest on the loan is charged at prime (presently 2.85%) plus one half (1/2%) of a percentage point.

The loan is secured by liquid securities held by the church and managed by The National Bank. Interest earned by these securities service the principal and interest payments on said term loan.

St. Dunstan's Financial Support to Others In 2014

Revenue from Offertory for The Poor and Needy \$ 28,969.00

To Our Community:

Fredericton Food Bank	\$	1,767.00
Fredericton Emergency Shelter	\$	230.00
Camp Sheldrake	\$	300.00
Birthright	\$	40.00
NB Right to Life	\$	733.00
Community Kitchen	\$	212.00
Christmas Exchange	\$	6,184.60
Rose Sunday	\$	1,000.00
Friends for Zambia	\$	500.00
Holy Rosary Minto (heating project)	\$	10,000.00
Grandmothers Helping Grandmothers	\$	500.00
Taxi Vouchers transportation to Mass	\$	3,926.15
Assistance for Individuals/Families	\$	3,976.00
Youth in Transition	\$	2,000.00
	\$	<u>31,368.75</u>

To Our Extended Community:

Sisters of Immaculate Conception	\$	220.00
Other Special Collections	\$	255.00
Mission Sunday	\$	1,988.00
Diocesan Collection for Life	\$	1,369.40
Development & Peace	\$	5,465.82
Seminarians & Retired Priests	\$	2,478.00
Holy Land	\$	4,198.00
Ash Wednesday (Catholic Missions Canada)	\$	3,364.82
Pope's Pastoral Works	\$	1,582.00
Needs of the Canadian Church	\$	1,443.50
	\$	<u>22,364.54</u>

St. Dunstan's Hermitage Cemetery

Summary of 2013 and 2014 Operating Account and 2015 Budget

	ACTUAL 2013	ACTUAL 2014	BUDGET 2015
HERMITAGE REVENUE			
Cemetery Offertory		\$ 5,237.00	\$ 5,200.00
Sale of Lots	\$ 12,591.00	\$ 11,041.00	\$ 12,000.00
Opening/Closing Lots	\$ 12,458.00	\$ 14,650.00	\$ 14,000.00
Monument Base Installation	<u>\$ 1,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,200.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,200.00</u>
	\$ 26,549.00	\$ 34,128.00	\$ 34,400.00
 HERMITAGE EXPENSES	 <u>\$ (17,448.00)</u>	 <u>\$ (20,510.00)</u>	 <u>\$ (22,000.00)</u>
 NET INCOME	 <u><u>\$ 9,101.00</u></u>	 <u><u>\$ 13,618.00</u></u>	 <u><u>\$ 12,400.00</u></u>
 Major Repair (Erosion Issue)			 \$ (210,000.00)

Summary of Cemetery Investments at December 31/14

Amounts invested in IPLF	\$ 334,867.00
Amounts invested in Fixed Income Securities	<u>\$ 198,562.00</u>
Total Investments	<u><u>\$ 533,429.00</u></u>

Parish Year-End Statistics

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
Baptisms	57	47	44
Confirmations	29	18	19
Marriages	26	18	21
Deaths	33	28	35
Children in Religious Education	120	139	139

DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLAN PRIORITIES FOR ACTION

Since 2012 we have been implementing the Vision of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan throughout the Diocese of Saint John. Parishes are encouraged to use this as a key resource in their parish pastoral planning. The following are the five 'Priorities for Action' in this Diocesan Pastoral Plan:

- **COMMUNITY OF FAITH**

We are called to be a welcoming community of faith, centered around the Eucharist.

We invite participation in all aspects of diocesan and parish life and strive to understand each other's needs, hopes and dreams.

- **EVANGELIZATION AND OUTREACH**

We are called to be people who share the Good News of Jesus Christ through proclamation, witness, teaching, sacramental life and love of neighbor (adapted from General Directory for Catechesis).

We aspire to a global vision of evangelization and identify with the overall mission of the Church (adapted from Evangelii Nuntiandi).

- **CATECHESIS AND FORMATION**

We are called to be disciples of Jesus Christ.

We journey together, sharing faith and calling forth the gifts that strengthen and build up the Body of Christ.

- **STEWARDSHIP**

We are called to be good stewards of God's gifts.

We strive to work collaboratively, sharing resources with integrity and accountability, ensuring sustainability.

- **LEADERSHIP**

We are called to be leaders with the heart and mind of Jesus Christ.

Working together, as co-responsible members of the People of God, the laity, consecrated persons, deacons, priests and Bishops exercise their gifts for the good of the Church and the World.

***“There are a variety of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.”
(1 Corinthians 12:4-7)***

Prayer

Patient Trust

Above all, trust in the slow work of God.

We are naturally impatient in everything to reach the end without delay.
We should like to skip the intermediate stages.

We are impatient of being on the way something unknown, something new.

And yet it is the law of all progress
that it is made by passing through these stages of instability
and that it may take a very long time.

And so I think it is with you.
Your ideas mature gradually,
let them grow.

Let them shape themselves without undue haste.

Don't force them on, as though you could be today what time
(that is to say, grace and circumstances acting on your own good will)
will make it of you tomorrow.

Only God could say what this new spirit gradually forming within you will be.

Give Our Lord the benefit of believing that his hand is leading you,
and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself in suspense and incomplete.

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, S.J.

For your reflection.....

1. What are one or two ways that you have given to the life of the parish in 2014?

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2. What are one or two 'gifts' or 'blessings' that you have received from being a part of this parish in 2014?

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Other reflections/notes.....