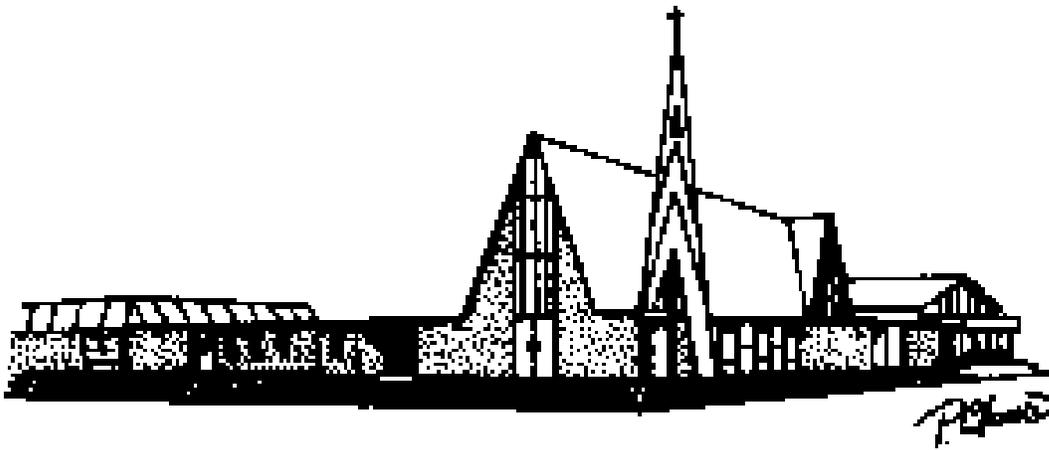


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Annual Parish Report 2015

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 2015 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, projects, 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 year's 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. He took some exciting and faith-enhancing 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. He organized and presided at 'The Mass that takes it's time' and initiated and helped organize a Pilgrimage to the Trappist Monastery in Rogersville, St. Michael's Basilica in Miramichi and the Metepenagiag Mi'kmag First Nations. With the clergy moves in September we lost his full time presence among us. In the meantime he has continued to celebrate a Mass in Spanish once a month. We look forward to his return soon. I am very grateful for his gift among us and know I share that with you all.

You will see in the 2016 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, hospitality and youth 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, Hospitality Committee, and Pastoral Visitation Committee. In the area of Adult Faith Formation we have Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, the Little Rock Scripture Study, and a Pilgrimage and also provided Advent and Lent Booklets for reflection. Other committees have provided formation for adults through workshops and retreats. 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 support of the Food Bank, the initiatives in support of the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace, the budding support of immigrants joining our parish, your support of the outreach to many living in vulnerable circumstances in our local area and this year we have initiated a Refugee Sponsorship Project.

In the later pages of this report you will see the activity of the Parish Finance Council with our Income Statement for 2015, Budget for 2016 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, the completion of a new heating system and the major cemetery project we undertook to secure the eroding slope along the river.

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. This coming year we will direct some funding to this ministry to assure that all of our documentation is in place and to offer ongoing education on Responsibly Ministry for employees and volunteers. 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. A special thank you to Eugene Guerette who retired in October and served our parish with great generosity and ability. I am very grateful for each of you. 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 THE PERIOD JANUARY 1ST – DECEMBER 31ST, 2015**

Dear Parishioners of St. Dunstan's Parish,

It was a privilege for me to serve as Chair of the Parish Pastoral Council for a second term. I was and am always humbled for the opportunity to have been chosen for this responsibility. It is a real eye opener to see how dedicated so many parishioners are to this Community, we are truly blessed and I thank God for this chance that was offered to me. This Parish is fortunate to have such a leader as Father Bill with all his compassion and generosity of service. I would also like to give a warmhearted thank to the Members of the Council who are always present and committed to the advancement of the mandate of the Pastoral Council.

JANUARY

- ✓ Bishop Harris is working on putting a Fredericton Regional Pastoral Council in place. Terms of reference have been approved, next step is to have committee members appointed and plan the first meeting this spring;
- ✓ A request had been made for a Valentine's Day Spaghetti Dinner. Council agreed.

FEBRUARY

- ✓ Margaret Savidge, Chair of the Liturgy Committee, provided Council with an update on the work and progress of this committee. Discussion involved the responsibility and mandate of the committee as well as the roles and activities of the members;
- ✓ The Annual General Meeting (AGM) has been rescheduled for Sunday, April 26 at 4:00 p.m.;
- ✓ The spaghetti dinner request has been delayed until next month, so as not to interfere with the CWL's pancake dinner in February. It has been re-scheduled for March 14;
- ✓ Fr. Bill and Fr. Shawn brought forward numerous ideas they are working on for the benefit of the Parish. A healthy discussion involved various topics such as an Eat, Pray, Love social group, Diversity Sunday, Taize, increased use of the gym, interactive movie nights and a mass that take its time, better use of the crying room, and activities for the youth group.
- ✓ Preparation for Symposium on the Family - Fr. Bill gave an update on this topic.

MARCH

- ✓ A brief discussion was held regarding what areas of parish life the PPC should be concentrating on and become more visible within the parish, how to solicit and deal with parishioner feedback, what vision the PPC has for the parish and the need to review terms of reference for committees of the PPC;
- ✓ Carol Dilworth, Chair of the Children's Faith Formation, presented a detailed report on the past work of this committee. She addressed make-up of the committee, past activities in the program, accomplishments within the Resource Room, data on children active in the programs as well as challenges and issues the committee is presently dealing with;
- ✓ The PPC approved the name change of the committee from Religious Education to Children's Faith Formation to more accurately reflect its intentions;
- ✓ Tim Dilworth, Chair of Pastoral Visitation Committee, was present to give his report on activities and accomplishments of the committee in the past year. His report detailed the taxi voucher program and the pastoral visitation program as well as the work and training of the Extraordinary Ministers;

- ✓ Nadine to contact all chairs to have reports ready for the AGM detailing activities within their respective committees for the past year.

APRIL

- ✓ Susan Butterfield, Chair of the Welcoming New Parishioners Committee, as well as a number of her committee members were present to update Council on the work of this committee. This committee has been quite active and energetic in putting forward ideas and plans in order to make all members of the parish feel welcome. They have identified five priorities for the committee and requested their mandate from Council to include "finding ways to create and support a culture of welcome and belonging for all parishioners" which was approved by the council. This committee is looking at a name change and will inform the Council after its next meeting;
- ✓ Council has decided to defer the Council election until September/October as it was agreed that fall would be a more appropriate time for new members to join when Council and committee work is restarting after the summer. Four positions are up for election on the Council. John will head up an Ad-Hoc Committee for nominations and overseeing the election;
- ✓ Charles Rowan has agreed to chair the 50th Anniversary Committee. Fr. Bill and Nadine will meet with Charles and Kay Robinson to discuss upcoming activities;
- ✓ Council has approved appointing a council member to be a liaison coordinator with committee chairs in order to improve communication back to the Council on committee activities.
- ✓ Much discussion was held regarding the needs of the Parish and its ability to provide fundraisers and social activities for its members. The needs of seniors, families and youth were discussed and Council is looking at ways to address these needs while being conscious of the impact and abilities of the volunteers who are constantly called upon to assist with these activities;
- ✓ The Regional Pastoral Council will be meeting on May 23. The Parish needs to appoint one person to this Council.

MAY

- ✓ An update was provided on the Liturgy Committee. Highlights included the need for more lectors and greeters at the 5:00 pm mass, the chapel refurbishment project and the Anointing of the Sick to take place on June 12 at the 12:05 mass;
- ✓ Council approved a new name for the Welcoming New Parishioners Committee as per its request. The committee will now be known as the "Hospitality Committee";
- ✓ A mandate for the Hospitality Committee was circulated to the Council and approved as presented;
- ✓ A Strategic Planning Meeting took place at the New Maryland Parish. John reported on the meeting he attended with representatives from Sts. John and Paul and other parishes in the Fredericton area. John discussed the initiatives and successes as well as the challenges and issues these parishes are dealing with;
- ✓ Joe Robertson was appointed to represent our Parish on the Regional Pastoral Council. The Council held their first meeting on May 23 and discussed important issues facing each parish as well as a regional pastoral plan to be implemented in the near future.
- ✓ Verna Shaw has agreed to join the Election Committee. Four new members need to be elected. Dates for announcing election have been set for September 6 and 13 with election to be held September 20.

SEPTEMBER

- ✓ Some ideas that had been discussed for the 50th Anniversary: Possibly re-purposing the side room off of the altar; baptistery...different ideas for re-shaping it and highlighting it in some way...perhaps have a connection with St. Dunstan's - pilgrimage to St. Dunstan's Cathedral in PEI;
- ✓ Election to be held on Sept. 26/27 after each Mass, with possibly an advance poll during the week;
- ✓ Some parishioners have expressed an interest in possibly sponsoring a refugee family(s). This is a big commitment and will need to explore further. Perhaps a general meeting can be called as a step to gauge the level of interest;
- ✓ The Diocesan Lay Pastoral Ministry Formation Program current 3 members are finishing up in October and their practicum's to begin sometime thereafter. A new program to begin in January.

OCTOBER

- ✓ Three new members were elected in September 2014 and were warmly welcomed to the Pastoral Council; Beth Nicholson, Peter Maillet and Felipe Serrano.
- ✓ Matt Dinan was appointed to lead in promoting and organizing the Syrian Refugees project;
- ✓ A request of \$10,000 to sponsor the Hospice Fredericton refurbishment of a room for patients was approved;
- ✓ The Hospitality Committee hosted a Parish Expo. All Parish Committees and organizations were invited to have a display with information in the gym on October 17-18;
- ✓ Fr. Bill mentioned that he has asked John Denning to assist him with following through on the initiative taking place among downtown churches and other organizations to share more collaboratively in the downtown outreach ministry.

NOVEMBER

- ✓ Election of Executive Members:
Nadine Lamoureux – Chair
Mike Duffy – Vice-Chair
Peter Maillet - Secretary
- ✓ It was decided that PPC would host the 50th Anniversary Mass on December 19th at 5:00 pm. Bishop Harris to be in attendance and a reception to follow at MBF Centre;
- ✓ Discussion on a possible donation to the Cathedral Restoration Project in honour of the 50th Anniversary of the current St. Dunstan's Church;
- ✓ Fr. Bill announced that Bishop Harris would come to celebrate the "Opening of the Holy Door of the Jubilee Year of Mercy" on December 18th as part of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy.

DECEMBER

- ✓ The Pastoral Parish Council organized the set-up of displays and video as well as the preparation of food/reception for the 50th Anniversary Celebration on Dec. 19th;
- ✓ Update on the various work done by the committees was provided by Father Bill;
- ✓ Update on the work accomplished at the Hermitage Cemetery on Woodstock Road in regard to the erosion on the riverbank.

Respectfully submitted,

Nadine Lamoureux, Chair

Report to St. Dunstan's Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Hospitality Committee for 2015

The committee, originally called the Welcoming Committee was established in January 2015. Susan Butterfield chairs the committee; as of April 4, 2016 the other members are John Brennan, Bev Woznow and Pam Breau. Peggy Dinan and Noreen Brennan were on the committee initially; Veronica Saliendra was appointed to replace Peggy Dinan but left when she had to leave the city for awhile. The committee would like to have two new members, at least by the end of summer. All the members of the committee have made significant contributions and have been excited by the Ministry.

Attached to this report, as Appendix 1 (handout), is the mandate for the committee that was revised after suggestions were made by the committee to the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC). This included the name change to the Hospitality Committee. Members of the Hospitality Committee met with the PPC on April 20, 2015 to talk about their proposed changes to the mandate and their work.

The Hospitality Committee feels that in order to effectively welcome newcomers to our community, we must be a community of welcome and belonging for everyone, committed and active parishioners, occasional parishioners, newcomers, seekers and visitors. All who come must feel that wherever they come from and whatever their circumstance they are welcome at St. Dunstan's.

In welcoming newcomers and greeting each other these words from the Rule of St. Benedict have become an expression of the Christian ideal: "All guests who present themselves are to be welcomed as Christ". This is the welcome we understand God extends to everyone.

In part the mandate for the Hospitality Committee says:

At St. Dunstan's Parish we have a vision of connecting parishioners who share their faith with seekers and are graciously welcoming to newcomers, as well as to those already connected and committed to working for the well-being of all God's people.

This is not a mandate one committee alone can hold, we cannot operate in isolation of others. Many good things are already happening in the parish. The committee can assist the church community and lead the hospitality ministry, but all those interested have to be involved in creating an environment of welcoming; to invite others to offer their gifts in new and creative ways.

Because of this the committee recommended adding to the mandate, "finding ways to create and support a culture of welcome and belonging for all parishioners". This was accepted by the PPC.

We also identified 5 first priorities:

- Developing a pamphlet/ info package for new folks.
- Doing a survey and receiving input from committees on hospitality needs.
- A welcome/welcome back expo in Sept. 2015.
- One other event in 2015 open to entire community.
- Begin research on best practices for parish hospitality.

The PPC supported the five priorities that were identified by the Hospitality Committee, and supported the understanding that hospitality is the work of the broader parish community.

The hospitality committee met with about 25 representatives of the various committees and groups in the church on October 1, 2015 for two hours in the evening, to share the mandate of the hospitality committee and to get their ideas and input.

There was a lot of positive energy at the meeting, and support for doing various things in the church community to support hospitality. Appendix 2 (handout) is the list of committees and groups that were represented at this meeting. Appendix 3 (handout) is the list of ideas that came from that meeting.

An Invitation weekend was held after each Mass on the weekend of October 17, 2015.

This expo had 19 tables set up in the gym representing the various committees and activities in the church and people were invited to attend to learn more about their community. There was a definite buzz in the gym.

Comments ranged from people saying they were surprised there was so much activity, to folks volunteering to take part. We asked for suggestions during the event and heard the following:

- Bring back the Fall supper;
- Question about the Youth Group (not sure what this was but think it maybe have suggested more was needed);
- Complaint that someone had volunteered for an activity but had never heard back;
- Suggestion to have coffee after Mass.

The Hospitality Committee provided an update to the PPC dated November 26, 2015. The following proposals were supported and approved by the PPC:

1. Each month starting in 2016 a church group host a coffee get together after Mass.
2. That February 2016 be named Hospitality Month. The Hospitality Committee will display photos of the various committees along with contact information. We will also have an information/welcoming pamphlet ready for distribution.
 - Fr. Bill and Fr. Shawn have agreed to speak at a day of reflection in February 2016, on the topic of hospitality. Church committees will get a special invitation to this event; it will also be open to all parishioners.
 - A quote on hospitality be included in each bulletin during February.
3. That the Invitation Weekend be an annual event.

The Hospitality Committee ended 2015 energized by the response from the community of St. Dunstan's to the ideas of hospitality and how we can be even more inclusive and welcoming. We look forward to the next chapters of our work together.

The hospitality committee appreciates the support of the Parish Pastoral Council and is open to all ideas and suggestions.

We are at your service.....

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Butterfield

Pastoral Visitation Ministry Committee 2015

Membership – Charles Rowan, Jayne Nicki, Glenda Barrington, Susan Marshall, Tim Dilworth (Chair)

Pastoral Visitation Ministry

Home Visits

Six persons received communion in their homes during the year from teams of Extraordinary Ministers.

Pine Grove Ministry

Mary McMahan (Legion of Mary) Co-ordinator, Bernadine Carter (Legion of Mary), Theresa Sleep (Legion of Mary) Marie Costello, Linda Roach, George MacMullin, Carole Dilworth, Tim Dilworth.

Fourteen patients received weekly communion/visits throughout the year. Members of the team helped to provide a monthly Mass provided by St. Dunstan's with music by Penny Hutley-Dobson.

Diocesan Pastoral Team (DECH)

While not the responsibility of this Committee, the following parish members should be recognized as part of that team which provided visits, prayers and communion to our parishioners as well as other Roman Catholics in hospital – Raylene Barnhill, Coordinator; Phyllis Daigle, Aggie LeBlanc, Glenna Barrington and Tim Dilworth.

Eucharistic Workshops

During the year, St. Dunstan's hosted two 3-hour workshops for Extraordinary Ministers, Eucharistic Ministers, Pastoral Care persons and anyone who would like to know more about the Sacrament of the Eucharist. For both workshops, we had between 50-60 registrants which included persons from other parishes in the Fredericton area in addition to those from St. Dunstan's. The first was held on May 9th. The speaker was Fr. Bill Burke, Pastor of St. Marquerite Bourgeois in Sydney. Fr. Burke has a Master's Degree in Liturgical Studies from the University of Notre Dame. He has served as the Associate Director of the National Liturgy Office and conducted many liturgical workshops, parish missions and retreats throughout Canada. Fr. Burke's topic was The Eucharist: Object and/or Action. The second was held on December 5th. The speaker was Claudette Derdaele, Coordinator of the Lay Pastoral Ministry Formation program for the Diocese of Saint John. Her topic was Liturgy: Work FOR the People/Living this out in a particular way during the Advent/Christmas Seasons.

Taxi Vouchers

This program was set up to provide persons a way to attend Mass and special events who were without transportation. During the year, a total of 28 parishioners were provided with taxi vouchers provided by the parish budget which allowed them to attend Mass and other church functions during the year. The monthly usage by persons averaged 14 per month ranging from 10-18. The cost per month to the parish ranged from \$265.50-509.00 with the average at \$359.00.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Dilworth, Chair

Children's Faith Formation Committee January - December 2015

Committee Members: *Kim Baxter, Patrick Craig (Jan.-May), Carole Dilworth (Chair), Craig Mercer, Michael Shin (June-Dec.), Alexis Smith and Fr. Bill Brennan (ex-officio).*

Winter session:

- In the early months of 2015, the Committee's work was devoted primarily to monitoring the catechetical program for children in the parish. It will be remembered as the year of a higher than usual number of Sunday school class cancellations due to weather. In spite of that, much of the teaching material was covered. This was the third year for using the "Be My Disciples" catechetical program for children and youth.
- In the winter session, 139 children/youth were registered in the program (Grades K – 9), with a weekly attendance on average of 70%;
- With the exception of Grade 4, the 2015 year began with a full complement of catechists, with two catechists assigned to each class. Two weeks into term, following an impromptu meeting with parents of the Grade 4 children, two volunteers (*Dave Mombourquette and Heidi Sutherland*) stepped forward to fill the void for the remainder of this session.
- Catechists for **either or both winter and fall sessions** were: *Kim Baxter (Catechist Coordinator) and Brian White, Bridget McKnight, Brittany Pye, Catherine Harrop, Claudia Morales, Dave Mombourquette, Jane McGinn, Heather & Peter Maillet, Heidi Sutherland, Jason Gillis, Jody LaFrance, Jose Zeron, Kathleen Gillis, Laura Romero-Zeron, Natali Caswell, Nicole Jenkins, Nicole Waters, Paige Campbell, Patricia (Patty) Saad, Ruth Savidge, Sara Serrano, Theresa Saad and Veronica McGinn.*
- The **1st Communion** celebration for 21 Grade 2 children took place on May 4. Following the Mass, a brunch was held for the children and their families, with about 150 in attendance. As several of our committee members had family members receiving 1st Communion, volunteers were needed to prepare and serve the brunch. Thanks are extended to *Pauline Arnold, Mary McMahan, Natali Caswell (with Anaka and Zavier), and Peggy Dinan.*
- Under the tutelage of *Veronica McGinn* and *Catherine Harrop*, 20 youth received preparation for **Confirmation**. That celebration took place in April with the visit of Bishop Harris. A reception followed the ceremony for families and friends, prepared by *Mary Costello, Mary McMahan, George MacMullin* and members of the Committee.
- Volunteers are needed to support the catechetical classes week-to-week. These are the folks who oversee the **Resource Centre** on Sunday's and are the first contacts for parents wanting to register their children for classes after the registration date has passed. They provide support to the catechists by making sure that teaching aids such as crayons, paper, craft material, books, etc. are organized and readily available. These volunteers also oversee the completion of attendance sheets and the compilation of attendance statistics. The volunteers who worked weekly in the Resource Centre were: *Alexis Smith (Resource Centre Coordinator), Paulette Duke, Pierre Lumsden and Rhonda Harper.*
- Sunday school closing was held May 24 following the 9:00 am Mass. Fr. Bill invited the children to join him in thanking and blessing the catechists. A spirited reception followed with music provided by *Carol Wesley-Bellefleur* and her band of troubadours. Catechists and Resource Centre volunteers were presented with a small gift of appreciation by *Fr. Bill, Kim Baxter and Alexis Smith.*

Summer planning – Continuing work of the Committee:

- Meetings were held regularly throughout the summer. The first order of business was to thank **Patrick Craig** for his years of service to the religious education programs at St. Dunstan's. To fill this vacancy, **Michael Shin** was invited to join the Committee in July. Michael and his family are from Korea and have been members of our parish since their arrival in Canada. Their sons, Justin and Alex, are active participants in the parish's children's programs;
- A major accomplishment of the Committee was the development of a **Sign In/Sign Out Protocol** for parents/guardians when leaving their children/youth in our care for any of our programs where parents/guardians are **not** present. The impetus for this work came from diocesan directives for responsible ministry with regard to vulnerable populations. Before the end of the winter session, the Committee piloted the draft process with the faith formation classes. With some minor modifications we finished this work in the summer, bringing the Parish's children/youth programs in line with the diocesan directive.
- The other goal of the summer work was to re-vamp the registration procedure to make the Sunday school registration process more "user-friendly". Along with streamlining the paper application form, an electronic format for early registration was developed. *Jenny Forestell* is thanked for working with the Committee, especially *Craig Mercer*, to achieve this goal.
- Time was spent throughout these months re-organizing and streamlining some areas of the **Resource Centre**. *Alexis* and *Carole* found interesting photos, music and historical information on past children's programs in the parish tucked away in dusty files. These materials were sorted and archived for future use and ideas.
- A **new computer** was donated by a parishioner to the Resource Centre to replace the old one. In addition to its use for the children/youth programs, the new computer will be available for other needs in the parish.
- *Heather Maillet* (catechist for Grade 2) presented the Committee with a copy of her **evaluation report** of the Grade 2, "Be My Disciples" program. She compared the program we now use with similar programs which offer instruction on the sacraments of 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion. Her research led to the conclusion that the two supplements provided by the program presently in use, i.e., "Be My Disciples", were the most complete of all programs examined. Heather's study fulfilled a requirement of the Diocesan Lay Formation program to undertake a parish-sponsored project. The Committee thanks Heather for this important contribution to our catechetical program, and conveys our congratulations to her on the completion of the Lay Formation Program.
- "**End of Summer Gathering**", a one-day retreat for middle school-age children was organized by the Committee and held on August 20. The day involved prayer and discussion (*Fr. Bill, Fr. Shawn and Jane McGinn*) music (*Kathy Holtman*), crafts (*Doreen Cormier*), games (*Seth McGinn*), an outdoor Mass, snacks and a BBQ (*Knights of Columbus, Mary McMahon, Moira Keenan, Peggy Dinan. and Tim Dilworth*). Eleven youngsters attended, and based on their positive evaluations of the day (including acting as Eucharistic Ministers at the Mass!), a consideration will be given to inviting the NET Encounter team to come for a larger event for this age group next year.

Fall session:

- A **catechists' workshop** was held on Saturday, September 12, facilitated by the Catechist Coordinator, *Kim Baxter*. Most of the 21 catechists or their representatives were present for this half day briefing and team building exercise.
- **Registration** for faith formation classes was held Sunday, September 13. Thanks are extended to *Jenny and Harry Forestell* and other members of the Committee for handling the registration procedure. The system, with its newly revised forms, worked out as planned. Some electronic registrations were also received. *Alexis, Craig and Jenny* oversaw the subsequent construction of the class lists and group mailing lists.
- Registration numbers for children and youth in this session totaled **145**, with 121 registered for K-Grade 8 and 24 in the **High School Youth Ministry** under the leadership of *Sister Karen Kelly, Katie Black, Alex Black and Jimmy Beltran*. This total represents a slight increase over the last session. A number of registrations were late arriving and new registrations were still being accepted into the 2016 year.
- Fr. Bill and the Committee met with the parents/guardians at registration to explain class operating procedures, including the new and required **Sign In/Sign Out protocol**. In addition, volunteers were solicited through a new "Call to Action" form to help with other aspects of the catechetical program.
- A display and information desk was organized by Committee members for the October **EXPO Sunday**. This event, hosted by the Hospitality Committee, enabled us to promote the children's programs and enlist potential volunteers.
- The Committee thanks *Barb Corbett and Shawna Dryden* for stepping forward to organize and coordinate the **ADVENT Mass** on Dec.13. They worked throughout the fall with the catechists and children to plan for this event. Their inspiration was uplifting and their enthusiasm was infectious. The children were involved in all parts of the Mass...all children were included. Special Christmas gifts were brought forward at this time and placed at the altar for later distribution to residents of Pine Grove Nursing Home and to the veterans in the Veteran's Unit at the Dr. E. Chalmers Hospital. A celebratory "Birthday Party for the Christ Child" followed the Mass with volunteer help from members of the *Youth Ministry class, and Geri Born, Pauline Arnold and Mary McMahon*. A description of this Mass and the related events was published, along with a photo, in a January issue of *The New Freeman*.

It was a busy but satisfying year for the Committee, program participants and our wonderful volunteers. We thank everyone for their continuing support as we strive to bring our children to an encounter in their young lives with the **Lord Jesus**. Most particularly, we extend our deepest appreciation to **Fr. Bill Brennan** as he has provided us with unfailing support and encouragement throughout the year. We also thank **Fr. Shawn Daley** for his delightful presence among us.

Lastly, as the committee's Chair, I want to convey my deepest admiration for the members of this Committee who have been so dedicated throughout the year and who are a great source of continuing inspiration and support.

Respectfully submitted,
Carole Dilworth (Chair)

High School Youth Ministry

A huge thank you to Veronica McGinn and Catherine Harrop for their generous ministry over the years as catechists for the Confirmation candidates as they accompanied their last Confirmation group to the Sacrament of Confirmation in April. Thank you for your inspiration, creativity, faith and many hours of preparation and facilitation.

In the fall of 2015, the Youth Leadership Team of Sr. Karen Kelly, Katie Black, Alex Black and Jimmy Beltran met to organize for the fall. It was decided that the Grade 9 Sunday Morning Faith Formation be open to all of the High School Youth and have it become the prime focus of our High School Youth Ministry. In order to provide proper formation for Confirmation we established three preparation sessions to be held in February to April for the youth, parents and sponsors as we had been doing the past four years. In addition there would be a retreat day in April. Given that many of the youth attending would be in Grade 9, we chose themes for the up-coming year for Sunday Mornings that are complementary to Confirmation Preparation. Many of the Grade 9 youth made a Confirmation Pilgrimage, hosted by Bishop Harris in the fall. We continue to support the Steubenville Atlantic Youth Conference in the summer and had several youth from the parish attend. In the fall, we also hosted a diocesan workshop for youth leaders which was sponsored by the Diocesan Religious Education Offices.

St Dunstan's Liturgy Committee

The Liturgy Committee met during the months of January, March, May, September and November 2015. The committee oversaw all the liturgical needs for all regular Masses from January through December, including the purchase of replacement pew cards for the parts of the Mass and Sunday Missals available for borrowing from the shelves at the church entrances. In addition there were four special Masses organised by the Liturgy Committee: the Confirmation Mass on Friday April 24th, the Anointing Mass for sick and seniors on Friday June 12th, the Wedding Anniversary Mass on Saturday Nov 14th and the Mass of Remembrance on Wednesday Nov 18th.

The committee consisted of the following members:

Clergy: Fr Bill Brennan, Fr Shawn Daley and Deacon Ken Parker

Scheduler of Ministries: Cecilia White drew up the schedules for Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers for the four weekend Masses, the weekday masses and special occasion Masses. The regular schedules were made at 3-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 was responsible for training and scheduling the sacristans for all Masses.

Adult Altar Server Liaison: Marie Costello was responsible for recruiting, training and scheduling adult altar servers.

Lector Recruitment and Training. Dan Toner held this role January – September. The position was vacant September- December.

Eucharistic Minister Recruitment and Training: John and Marg Denning.

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

Ministry of Greeters: Edith Robichaud arranged for the purchase of ID tags and drew up a schedule for the greeters at the weekend Masses.

Margaret Savidge, Chair

St. Dunstan's Social Action Activity

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

1. **Our Local Community:**

Christmas Exchange: This past December the Christmas Exchange took place. Thank you to the coordinator, Jennifer Paziienza and many volunteers. Jennifer has put together a wonderful detailed report and separate copies are available for everyone who would like one.

Downtown Outreach: 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 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.

Food Bank: Our parish has been very generous in contributing to the Food Bank. Our parish community accelerated its support to the Greener Village Community Food Centre during the season of Lent by donating food products needed by its food bank. Each weekend items requested via the parish bulletin were collected at church entrances. This past Lenten season the six weekend donations, each of which filled the back of a mini van, were received by Greener Village with great appreciation. Most products requested would have to be purchased by Greener Village so the St. Dunstan's food donations helped alleviate increased pressure on the food bank resources during a time of peak access by clients. This action in our parish provides an opportunity to learn and respond to poverty in our Fredericton community.

Other: You will see a report of our financial outreach to others in the financial reports in this booklet. Thank you for your generosity. You will notice that this past year we made a \$10,000 donation to Hospice to furnish a room at their new home.

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:

Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace: 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.

Educating Haitians: 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 through contributions to support the education of children and those in the mark Gallagher Vocational School.

4. Refugee Sponsorship Project

In September initiatives in the parish began in responding to the Syrian Refugee crisis. On October 6th many St. Dunstan's parishioners attended a meeting hosted by Bishop Harris and Leticia Adair (Coordinator of the Diocesan Refugee Center) to offer information and to listen for the next steps that could be initiated within the diocese and find ways to support parish initiatives. Bishop Harris then put in place a diocesan collection on November 7/8, 2015 to provide a Trust Fund to support sponsorship throughout the Diocese. St. Dunstan's was extremely generous in responding with contributions of \$22,244.

On October 21st a parish meeting was held to begin organizing a group of volunteers to take on the responsibility of sponsoring a family. With the approval of the Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Council \$30,000 was earmarked from the Poor and Needy fund to sponsor one family. An additional \$34,750 has been donated (as of April 3, 2016) to further support other refugees and to possibly sponsor another family at the appropriate time in the future.

The planning details took shape with the leadership of a six member coordinating team (Matt Dinan, Beth Nicholas, Ron Breau, Carm Thompson-O'Neill, Janet Gagnon and John Denning) with almost 40 others who have taken on responsibilities with the following teams: Accommodations Team, Airport Welcome Team, Donation/Purchase of furniture and household items Team, Fundraising Team, Transportation Team, Interpreter services and MCAF contact Team, Clothing and Toy Team, Documentation and Finance support Team, Team for health care, dentist and medical emergencies, Settlement Orientation Team, Team responsible for the families educational needs, Team to assist with finding employment. Each team was extremely diligent in taking care of the initial responsibilities of preparing everything from finding a Sponsor Agreement Holder (Archdiocese of Halifax) , preparing and submitting the application and the budget required, finding an apartment and furnishing it, etc.. By December 31st we eagerly awaited the arrival of the family. They arrived on January 26th 2016.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

At the Easter Vigil we welcomed 5 new members into our Church. Each of them was 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 and 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 Marie Costello, Bob Michaud, Jennifer Thompson, Carole Dilworth, Mary Holland, Veronica Saliendra, Merleta Quebral, George MacMullin and Mary McMahan for your ministry in accompanying Danny Elliott, Penny Fraelic, Sharon Burke, Gladys Chege, Brett Jones, and Wylie Casey, our new members.

Diocesan Lay Pastoral Ministry Formation Program.

This Diocesan program completed its two year journey. Congratulations to Heather Maillet, Paola Marusic and George MacMullin in completing this program and celebrating with a commissioning in November. Thank you for the life you have brought to our community through your practicum projects and revitalized faith. We are looking forward to the possibility of another group entering the 2-year program in the fall.

Pilgrimage

A Pilgrimage to the Trappist Monastery in Rogersville, St. Michael's Basilica in Miramichi and the Metepenagiag Mi'kmag First Nations attracted almost 150 people from St. Dunstan's with some others from the Fredericton area joining us. This was a fun, prayerful, informative and community building day for everyone who was able to go. Many who were not able to make the journey were with us in prayer and shared in it through our stories.

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 2015 calendar year.

Terms	Name of Study	Number of participants
Winter - 4 sessions	<i>The Word of God at Vatican II</i>	Tuesday morning - 18 Thursday evening - 10
Winter - 10 sessions	<i>The Acts of the Apostles</i>	Tuesday morning - 27 Thursday evening - 10
Fall - 10 sessions	<i>Women in the Old Testament</i>	Tuesday morning - 26 Thursday evening - 16

There were a number of momentous documents that came out of Vatican II, one of which was *Dei Verbum* (The Word of God). Little Rock published an anniversary study centred on it which we tackled in January of 2015. During Lent, we revisited *The Acts of the Apostles* (which had been our introduction to the Little Rock program in 2003) in a new edition. In the fall, our Old Testament study was greatly enhanced by a visit to Sgoolai Israel Synagogue where Rabbi Yosef Goldman welcomed us.

Although called “study,” the program is not an intimidating academic exercise. It involves assigned reading at home – helped greatly by the written 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.

As a *community*, we do more than study together. When our official year ended in May, Noreen Vaillancourt organized the Little Rock Walking Club for the Tuesday morning time slot so that any who were able to walk could meet each week until the fall to explore city trails. After the last walk in September, members gathered for a closing lunch at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. At Christmas time, we have an annual potluck supper.

Little Rock is open to anyone wishing the deeper personal relationship with God that can be found in reading the inspired words of Scripture..... and anyone who is looking for a welcoming, engaged church community.

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 – 2015

This was a very special year for Saint Dunstan's Catholic Women's League as we celebrated our 80th Anniversary in 2015. This important milestone has given us time to reflect on our past, evaluate all that we are accomplishing in the Parish and in our Community today and look forward to our future with enthusiasm and excitement.

We continue with our fundraisers in order to support many community organizations and, in addition, this year in honour of our Anniversary we donated \$500 to the Cathedral Restoration Project and \$1000 to Hospice House in Fredericton.

We have two members that have completed the Lay Formation Program and are hopeful that maybe one or two members may accept the challenge to enrol in this program in 2016.

As many of our members are unable to attend regular meetings, we now send those members that are to receive Years of Service Pins a letter thanking them for their service to the Catholic Women's League and their pin. We have received excellent feedback from our house bound members and so plan to continue this practice.

We encourage members to attend programs and workshops held in the parish or in the community that will assist in their spiritual development. Three excellent programs were held at St. Dunstan's Church this past year – Tuesdays with Taize, the Long Mass and two Eucharist Workshop. Several members attended the International Week of Christian Unity Service, the World Day of Prayer, the Lenten Retreat at Sts. John & Paul, the Twilight Retreat at St. Theresa's Church and the CWL Annual Retreat. Also, many members attended the Regional Celebration and Pot Luck Lunch on the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel held at St. Dunstan's Church.

Membership Recruitment has been ongoing through personal invitations, an information letter outlining our mission and our work in the parish and community inserted in the Parish Bulletin and a booth at the Parish Expo held in October.

We finished off our year with a short meeting followed by a Pot Luck Dinner and then the election for a new slate of officers for the next two years.

St. Dunstan's Catholic Women's League Officers for 2016 & 2017 are as follows:

President – Beth Nicholas
1st Vice-President/Spiritual Development – Mary McMahon
Recording Secretary – Sylvia Herron
Corresponding Secretary – Jeannine Cochrane
Treasurer – Bonnie Boudreau
Past President – Verna Shaw

Standing Committee Chairpersons are as follows:

Organization – Marlita Chase
Christian Family Life – Marielle Assad
Community Life – Marie Costello
Education & Health / Parish Activities – Bernardine Carter
Communications – Peggy Dinan & Mary Dobbelsteyn
Resolutions – Mary Ryan
Legislation – Frances McGinn

My two years as President are coming to a close and it has been a fantastic experience. The people I have met, the support I have received and the opportunities to grow both spiritually and intellectually have been phenomenal. A very special thank you to all my Sisters-in-the-League – the work that you do is definitely commendable.

Respectfully submitted,

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

LEGION OF MARY REPORT (2015)

- 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 done on a regular basis. We also go to Pine Grove once a month and help the priest for Mass, reading and singing.

In 2016 we will be celebrating our 20th year for Legion of Mary at St. Dunstan's. We have four active members and approximately thirty auxiliary members.

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: John McGinnis, Deborah McQuade, Bernadette Samulski, and Kevin Roherty

First of all, a special thank-you to Elaine Spalding who completed her term on the Finance Council in 2015, and welcome to two new council members, Deborah McQuade and Bernadette Samulski.

As you will see from the reports of the Building and Grounds Committee and the Cemetery Committee, 2015 was a very busy year, highlighted by completion of the heating system project and the restoration/stabilization of the riverbank at the Hermitage Cemetery. We are now realizing significant savings on heat in the church and MBFC, and a long standing erosion issue at our cemetery has been successfully dealt with.

Special thanks to Peter Fitzpatrick and Rod Nolan for the many hours they contributed to the heating system project and to Gerry Keenan for his leadership on the restoration project at the Hermitage.

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

- 1) The 2014 and 2015 Income Statements and 2016 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!!

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Roherty, Chair

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT

Role Description and Mandate

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

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

Summary of Maintenance Completed in 2015/16

- The rotten window sill at the north side of the Church found during painting in 2014/15 was replaced.
- The stucco on the MBFC was repaired and/or replaced. The stucco on the large wall facing the Centennial building was removed and reapplied because it was damaged by water getting underneath. The wooden plank bumper (to prevent vehicle damage) mounted to the wall was repaired and repainted.
- The wooden trim on the MBFC exterior was painted and re-caulked.
- Two additional accessible parking stalls at the King Street parking lot adjacent to the MBFC were painted; there are now 4 accessible stalls in that lot.
- A new built-in desk and storage shelving system in Marlita's office in the MBFC was constructed and installed.
- With design and project management by Carl Smyth, a new partial roof was installed on the north side of the MBFC gymnasium. This new roof will prevent ice from forming and falling onto the adjacent Tim Horton's drive thru lane.

Planned Maintenance for 2016/17

- 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. We have received a proposal from a roofing consultant to undertake an inspection of the roof. Given the height, steep incline, and surface area of the roof, repairs could become a significant expenditure.
- Carpets in the four rooms of the MBFC office will be replaced this spring. We will also inquire about replacing carpets in the Dollard Lounge and upstairs classrooms.
- A new accessible wheelchair ramp in the Church sanctuary may be installed, replacing the temporary wooden ramp. This will be a smoother ramp in compliance with the National Building Code, and built into and blending with the stonework of the sanctuary. This project will be led by Carl Smyth.

Anticipated capital costs for the carpeting, ramp and other projects for 2016/17 are in the order of \$50,000. Once we have a roof repair recommendation with estimated costs, we will bring it forth for more discussion and approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Darren Baxter
Stephen Hartley

HEATING SYSTEM CONVERSION

During the heating season of 2013-14, numerous problems were encountered with the parish heating system in both the steam supply and the utilization equipment areas. Prior to 2014, steam had been supplied to St. Dunstan's from the Centennial Building heating plant since the church was built. Given the age and condition of the steam lines and our heating equipment plus the ever increasing cost of steam, it was decided to undertake a study on the feasibility of converting the entire system.

The results of the conversion study were presented to the Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Finance Council and it was decided that we should proceed with a conversion to electric heat. The conversion project was started in July 2014 and the system became operational in November 2014. The computerized control and ventilation systems were upgraded in 2015 and the project was essentially completed in fall 2015.

The total cost of the project was \$ 264,480. In the first full heating season after conversion, the parish realized savings of close to \$ 20,000 versus the cost of heating with steam.

Hermitage Cemetery Committee Report

Members: Peter Cashin, Larry Sweeney, Gerry Keenan and Kevin Roherty

In our report last year, your committee indicated that our major activity for 2015 would be to address the erosion issue along the riverbank at the Hermitage. Engineering studies verified our view that significant remedial action was required to protect graves along the riverbank and to stabilize the bank.

Your committee is very pleased to report that the riverbank stabilization project has been completed. This was an expensive undertaking and four contractors were invited to submit tenders on the project. Three of the four submitted bids and the low tender was accepted. Total cost including engineering studies, preparation of tender documents and project completion, was \$337,000 (net of HST rebate).

With the completion of this major project, your committee will now focus its attention more fully on activities related to upgrading record keeping software, the possible removal of the vault and the building of a Columbarium. We will also continue to work with a regional cemetery committee with a view to developing consistent policies and achieving efficiencies through coordinated purchasing of common services.

In closing I would like to thank my fellow committee members Peter Cashin and Larry Sweeney, with special thanks to Gerry Keenan for his leadership on the riverbank project.

Thanks as well to Marlita Chase for her handling of the day to day details in support of the Hermitage Cemetery.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Roherty, Chair

St. Dunstan's Parish Summary 2014 and 2015

Operating Accounts and 2016 Budget

	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET
INCOME	2014	2015	2015	2016
Offertory collection	\$ 422,614.00	\$ 427,006.00	\$ 432,000.00	\$ 435,000.00
Other (vigil, advertising, flowers, etc)	\$ 46,701.00	\$ 54,372.00	\$ 47,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
	<u>\$ 469,315.00</u>	<u>\$ 481,378.00</u>	<u>\$ 479,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 485,000.00</u>
EXPENSES				
Operating expenses	\$ 211,669.00	\$ 209,032.00	\$ 205,000.00	\$ 220,000.00
Diocesan Assessment	\$ 65,856.00	\$ 60,054.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00
Rectory	\$ 22,239.00	\$ 18,902.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 147,552.00	\$ 159,710.00	\$ 184,000.00	\$ 185,000.00
	<u>\$ 447,316.00</u>	<u>\$ 447,698.00</u>	<u>\$ 479,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 485,000.00</u>
ORDINARY SURPLUS (Deficit)	\$ 21,999.00	\$ 33,680.00	\$ -	\$ -
SPECIAL ITEMS				
Building Fund	\$ 11,437.00	\$ 9,645.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00
Bequests	\$ 6,000.00			
IPLF Interest Earned	\$ 7,671.00	\$ 7,671.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 4,000.00
Major Repairs	\$ (240,062.00)	\$ (146,942.00)	\$ (120,000.00)	\$ (50,000.00)
Office Equipment & Furniture		\$ (10,369.00)		
Special Levy for Pension	\$ (42,595.00)	\$ (23,124.00)	\$ (45,000.00)	\$ (25,000.00)
	<u>\$ (257,549.00)</u>	<u>\$ (163,119.00)</u>	<u>\$ (146,500.00)</u>	<u>\$ (60,000.00)</u>
NET SURPLUS (Deficit)	\$ (235,550.00)	\$ (129,439.00)	\$ (146,500.00)	\$ (60,000.00)

Notes: #1 - Office equipment and Furnishing was for new computers, new desk and cabinets,

#2 - Major repairs: Heating Project	\$ 88,023
Painting	\$ 18,968
Rectory (dishwasher, stove, beds)	\$ 2,339
Snow Blower	\$ 1,469
Roof MBFC	\$ 34,846
Outside repairs	\$ 1,297
	<u>\$146,942</u>

**St. Dunstan's Investments at December 31, 2015
(Market Value)**

	2014	2015
National Bank		
Portfolio A - Fixed Income	\$ 869,425.00	\$ 817,715.00
Portfolio B - Canada/US Equity	<u>\$ 987,079.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,008,854.00</u>
Note #1 (see below)	<u>\$ 1,856,504.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,826,569.00</u>
Inter-Parish Loan Fund (IPLF)		
Lansdown	\$ 142,377.00	\$ 142,377.00
Nagel	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
Carten	\$ 42,719.00	\$ 42,719.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 28,000.00
School	<u>\$ 130,420.00</u>	<u>\$ 130,420.00</u>
	<u>\$ 383,516.00</u>	<u>\$ 383,516.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 2,240,020.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,210,085.00</u>
Note #2 (see below)		

December 31, 2015 Hermitage (Market Value)

IPLF Cemetery	\$ 267,142.00	\$ -
IPLF Hermitage	\$ 67,725.00	\$ 67,725.00
National Bank Fixed/Inc/Equity	<u>\$ 230,600.00</u>	<u>\$ 233,606.00</u>
	<u>\$ 565,467.00</u>	<u>\$ 301,331.00</u>

Note #1: In fiscal year 2015 income earned on Portfolio A Fixed Income of approximately \$37,000 was used to assist in the funding of the church heating system project. In previous years income earned from this source was reinvested in the portfolio.

Note #2: The IPLF Deposits earned interest in 2015 at a rate of 2% per annum. This interest income is used to offset the annual diocesan assessment. Subsequent to Year-End IPLF deposits as follows were redeemed and the proceeds were used to fund the heating system and other capital improvement projects.

Lansdown	\$ 142,377
St. Dunstan's School	\$ 130,420

In February 2016 two bequests of \$50,000 each were received from a parishioner and deposited to the IPLF account. Following these events the St. Dunstan's IPLF deposit totals \$ 210,719.

St. Dunstan's Financial Support to Others In 2015

Revenue from Offertory for The Poor and Needy \$30,038.90

To our community from the Poor and Needy Fund:

Camp Sheldrake	\$	560.00
Birthright Fredericton	\$	1,000.00
NB Right to Life	\$	2,040.00
St. Dunstan's Christmas Exchange	\$	2,752.32
Rose Sunday (NB Right to Life)	\$	1,000.00
Educating Hatians for Life	\$	2,750.00
Hospice Fredericton	\$	10,010.00
Konsolcan	\$	1,000.00
Taxi Vouchers (Transportation to Mass)	\$	4,741.00
Assistance for Individuals/families	\$	2,817.00
Youth in Transition	\$	<u>1,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$	<u>29,670.32</u>

To our community from donations designated in offertory:

Fredericton Food Bank	\$	1,617.00
Fredericton Emergency Shelter	\$	310.00
Fredericton Community Kitchen	\$	160.00
Birthright Fredericton	\$	60.00
NB Right to Life	\$	151.00
Mother & Child Welcome House	\$	<u>90.00</u>
TOTAL	\$	<u>2,388.00</u>

To Our Extended Community:

Sisters of Charity (SCIC)	\$	90.00
Diocesan Collection - Nepal Earthquake	\$	3,337.00
Diocesan Refugee Collection	\$	22,244.34
Mission Sunday	\$	1,734.00
Needs of the Canadian Church	\$	1,233.00
Diocesan Collection for Life	\$	1,000.00
Development and Peace	\$	4,256.75
Seminarians & Retired Priests	\$	2,232.00
Holy Land	\$	5,001.56
Ash Wednesday (Catholic Missions in Canada)	\$	3,644.85
Pope's Pastoral Works	\$	<u>1,451.00</u>
TOTAL	\$	<u>46,224.50</u>

**St. Dunstan's Hermitage Cemetery
Summary of 2014 and 2015 Operating Account
2015 Actual and 2016 Budget**

HERMITAGE REVENUE	ACTUAL 2014	ACTUAL 2015	BUDGET 2015	BUDGET 2016
Cemetery Offertory	\$ 5,237.00	\$ 5,924.00	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 6,000.00
Sale of Lots	\$ 11,041.00	\$ 9,594.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Open/Close Lots	\$ 14,650.00	\$ 16,502.00	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Monument Base Install.	<u>\$ 3,200.00</u>	<u>\$ 4,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,200.00</u>	<u>\$ 4,000.00</u>
	<u>\$ 34,128.00</u>	<u>\$ 36,020.00</u>	<u>\$ 34,400.00</u>	<u>\$ 35,000.00</u>
HERMITAGE EXPESNES	\$ (20,510.00)	\$ (30,361.00)	\$(22,000.00)	\$(30,000.00)
NET INCOME	<u>\$ 13,618.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,659.00</u>	<u>\$ 12,400.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>

Note: The total cost of the cemetery riverbank stabilization project was \$337,822. To cover the costs we redeemed proceeds from the IPLF Cemetery Fund of \$272,654 in December 2015 and the IPLF Hermitage Trust of \$67,725 in February 2016.

Parish Year-End Statistics

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Baptisms	47	44	53
Confirmations	18	19	16
Marriages	18	21	19
Deaths	28	35	33
Children in Faith Formation	139	139	145

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.

From Pope Francis – Prayer of Mercy

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this of you, Lord Jesus, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy; you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.

Amen

For your reflection.....

1. What are one or two ways that you have given to the life of the parish in 2015?

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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 2015?

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Other reflections/notes