

Chairperson's Report  
May 15, 2011

This past year of 2010-2011 we welcomed Fr. Lawrence DeMong as a new priest to our Parish. We welcomed Daniel Yasinski as a seminarian who was assigned by the Diocese of London Ontario to complete an internship at St. Anne's Parish. We are very appreciative to both Fr. Lawrence, Daniel and all of our pastoral staff for providing us with exceptional service this past year.

In 2011 we made the decision to commit resources to funding a full-time youth pastoral associate this upcoming year and have been advertising recently for this position. We would like to thank Cody Redekop who has served in the role of youth ministry in our Parish for the past 18 months in addition to covering the role of sacramental preparation while Erin Gratton was on maternity leave. Cody has been involved in initiating the Steps in Faith program in our parish. We welcome back Erin who returned to her role in sacramental preparation in December 2010.

Pastoral Parish Council had a number of initiatives that we focused our energies on this past year with youth being a significant focus. We congratulate Sister Dianne Sehn and her volunteer committee with the implementation of the Kids for Christ program for youth. This monthly program had excellent uptake by children in our Parish.

The concept of "Going green" as a Parish has also been discussed by our Council. While there have been green initiatives conducted on a smaller scale such as modifications to building lighting, we expect to evaluate this further in the coming months. We also recognize the need to be mindful of waste in using kitchen facilities and dishware in the Parish Hall and have involved key user groups in these discussions.

We would like to acknowledge the many good works of our Social Justice Committee in their efforts throughout 2010-2011. Our Social Justice Committee spear-headed many initiatives involving education about bottled water, sustaining the environment during our Share Lent campaign/Poverty Suppers, distribution of Christmas food hampers, supporting the Station 20 West and they will be involved in an upcoming food drive for the Saskatoon Food Bank.

We were blessed with a successful 5 day Mission visit by Father Larre in March to lead us into our Lenten season. We are truly blessed by the sacramental celebrations that are hosted in our Parish on an ongoing basis through the service of our pastoral associates and staff – Darlene Fix, Erin Gratton, Ken Neitz, Cody Redekop, Gerry Rudulier, Karen Schreiner, Sr. Diane Sehn and their host of volunteers that sustain the many ministries that provide for a vibrant Parish community.

I would like to thank all members of St. Anne's Parish Council for their dedication this past year and all volunteers of our Parish who assist with Parish life. I would like to acknowledge our youth representative- Justin Gerein who will be leaving our Parish Pastoral Council this year. We are truly blessed as a Parish. Let us celebrate what is right in our parish and seek God's blessings.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Marshall- Chairperson