

# Parish Pastoral Council Update

## Holy Angels & St. Anne's Communion of Parishes

### Who's Who on Council

As you may recall some months ago parishioners were asked to volunteer or submit names of individuals in the parish to serve on our Pastoral Council. This council is made up of parishioners from St. Anne's and Holy Angels'. Your newly formed council has come together and been meeting since December of last year. Although introduced at a Mass back in the fall we would like to introduce ourselves again giving you our email contact information and let you know what we have been up to.

### RON CASIER

Arriving in St. Thomas in the autumn of 1978, Ron Casier taught science for 30 years at St. Joseph's High School. Since retiring he has been active in many environmental groups and volunteering. He is married to Pauline Intven and they have three adult children in the Kitchener-Waterloo area. Ron is a Third Degree brother of the Knights of Columbus Council 1467 and a parish usher.

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### JOE FLEMING

Building a Communion of Parishes requires open minds and open hearts listening to God and to one another. When asked to serve on the Pastoral Council, I immediately thought of my brothers in the Knights of Columbus. For as long as I can remember, we have worked for the good of the order and our community, actively living our faith in words and deeds in our parishes, not distinguishing one from the other. My experience with the Knights and business career has positioned me to see the great things God has in mind for our Communion of Parishes. Truly I believe we have so much talent in our midst and so many more just waiting to be asked, wanting to come home, we simply need to take the steps of faith and move forward

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### Topics We Are Discussing

Over the past few months the Council has been reading **Evangelii gaudium** (English: The Joy of the Gospel) which is a 2013 apostolic exhortation by Pope Francis on "the church's primary mission of evangelization in the modern world." This document is helping us to understand our mission. We also have been discussing communication in the Communion of Parishes, a new webpage, bulletins and Mass times.

## JOHN KIERNAN

John Kiernan spent his formative years in Birmingham, the second-largest city in Britain. There, he earned his medical degree and PhD, met his wife, Tessa, and began a career of research and teaching in basic medical sciences, notably neuroanatomy and histochemistry. In 1972 John emigrated to Canada to take up an appointment at the University of Western Ontario, from which he retired in 2011. John and Tessa moved from London to Port Stanley in 2001. They have 5 grown-up children, now living in Canada, the UK and the USA, and 10 grandchildren.

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## JIM NAPHIN

Hello, I'm Jim Naphin, and I'm honoured to be a part of the community of parishes' Pastoral Council. My wife Julie and I, and our daughters Ella and Sophie, have lived in St. Thomas and been parishioners of Holy Angels' since 2006, and we occasionally attend Mass at St. Anne's as well. I look forward to participating in the consultation process about the future direction of our parishes, as I feel it is important to keep our churches relevant and focused on the evangelical mission invoked by Pope Francis.

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## JENNIFER PAUL-O'DONNELL

A retired educator, I am active in the community serving where needed. Married to Peter O'Donnell, mother of Ryan, Marc, Nicole and Luke, Nana to Flynn, Piper and Matthew. Currently President of the Board of Directors for Family and Children's Services of St. Thomas - Elgin, coordinator for the Outreach Lunch Programme and singing with the Canadian Celtic Choir. Current hobbies include knitting, hiking and trying to figure out how to do both at the same time.

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## PENNY RICE

I have been a lifelong member of Holy Angels' and St. Anne's parishes. As a grade and high school student I played the organ and sang at the 8 o'clock morning masses at Holy Angels. I became a member of St. Anne's as my children progressed through school and volunteered on many committees at St. Anne's.

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