

# Parish Pastoral Council Update

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

## Who's Who on Council

You see here your Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) for 2017/18. We have two new members – Wendy Vergeer and Chris Zwicker- who have kindly offered to represent you as we continue on our path to bringing Jesus to our families and the world around us. I want to express a heartfelt 'thank you' to our retiring members Jennifer Paul-O'Donnell and John Kiernan. Their support and wisdom was invaluable during our inaugural year.

Evangelization is a dialogue, not a monologue.

### 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.



### 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



## **WENDY VERGEER**

Recently relocated from Rodney area with husband Pete, we have 3 children and 4 grandsons. Previously served on Pastoral Council and Finance Committee at St. Mary's/St. Helen's parishes in West Lorne. Served at previous parish as a reader and leader at mass as well as Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister. Also acted as coordinator for the 'Arise Together in Christ' program. Since joining St. Anne's parish 2 years ago, I have attended various programs including Life in the Spirit, Charism program and am currently a volunteer with Alpha.

It is an honor to serve on this parish council as we move forward towards the new evangelization.



## **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.



## **CHRIS ZWICKER**

Chris is a ten-year resident of St. Thomas and attends both St. Anne's and Holy Angels. Married to lovely Tina, they have 2 children, Emma 12 and Ethan 11 who both attend St. Anne's School. Chris enjoys being outdoors and spending time with his family.



## **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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Your Parish Pastoral Council would like to talk with you about our parish Mission, collective purpose and our vision. We need your voice, your ideas and thoughts, so please join us in this discussion. The following chart is a high level overview of next steps the council is taking.

