



Archdiocesan Pastoral Council

Archdiocese of
Grouard-McLennan

Meeting Notables
February 20, 2021

Pastoral Plan 2020—2025

The APC is responsible for developing the Archdiocesan Pastoral Plan 2020-2025 and then monitoring the implementation of the actions and strategies. Pastoral Councils and Deanery Councils are asked to make the Pastoral Plan a standing item on their meeting agenda.

At this meeting, we:

- Learned about developments with the Indigenous Pastoral Committee under the guiding hand of Fr. Bernard Akum, SDV, Episcopal Vicar for Indigenous Peoples and parish priest of Grouard, Peavine, Atikameg, and Gift Lake.
- Discussed the importance of current and accurate parish registration details to outreach and general communication to all Catholics in a parish and in the Archdiocese.
- Heard that there are good candidates for the position of Communications Officer for the Archdiocese. The projected starting date for the new hire is early April 2021.

Things to share...

- The Archdiocese will celebrate the Year of St. Joseph from 19 March 2021 to 19 March 2022. The Archbishop will recommend several devotions including: family prayer, consecration, and an archdiocesan pilgrimage to our three St. Joseph churches.
- Fr. Feroz Fernandes, SFX, will be leaving the Archdiocese in late April. He has been the parish priest of Grimshaw and Whitelaw since spring 2018 and Dean of Deanery 2 since October 2019. We all pray for God's blessings on him as he takes on his new assignment in Manila, Philippines.

WHAT WE DO

The Archdiocesan Pastoral Council is a consultative body for the benefit of the Archbishop of Grouard-McLennan. It is made up of representatives of the clergy, Religious and laity of the Archdiocese.

Our Members

Deaneries 1—5: The Dean and 2 lay representatives from each deanery

Committees: 1 representative and 1 alternate from

- Finance - Communications
- Youth - Faith Formation
- Indigenous Pastoral - Liturgy
- Vocations

Schools: 1 representative from

- HFCD - GPCSD

Religious Sisters: 1 representative

CWL: 1 rep and 1 alternate

Knight of Columbus: 1 rep and 1 alt

Cursillo Board: 1 representative

Catholic Family Services: 1 rep

Archbishop's Appointee(s)