



Church of the Good Thief - Pastor's Advisory Committee Meeting – January 20, 2010

Present: Archbishop Brendan O'Brien, Msgr Joseph Lynch, Lesley Kelly (Chair, Advisory Committee), John Gowsell (Chair, Finance Committee), Paul Gowsell (Chair, Property Committee), Tom Doyle, Will Geris, Michael Sayer, Cliff Thompson, Mary Tudin, Jane Watts, John Witjes, Robert Wojcik

Archbishop O'Brien commended the parish for its activities since Fr. Terry Boyle became ill and thanked Fr. Peter Timmins for his service as administrator. He was particularly pleased that Msgr Lynch had accepted to be pastor of Good Thief while continuing his duties at St Joseph's. He looked forward to this providing stability to the parish.

In response to a question he noted that the diocese has formed a Parish Review Committee to consider criteria regarding the structure of parishes with respect to demographics, financial viability and the availability of staff. This will report in March 2010, but with the period of review being for the next six years.

The general discussion stressed the importance of communication with the parish as a whole. It was decided that the current committee structure should be essentially retained: a Pastor's Advisory Committee to provide input on the provision of ministry, the bulletin and the spiritual life of the parish, and a Finance and Property Committee to deal with on-going budget matters and the church, rectory and grounds. Membership of these committees will evolve. Initial meetings will be held in the parish hall:

Finance and Property Committee 7.00pm Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2010  
John Gowsell (Chair), Tom Doyle, Jerry Garrah, Paul Gowsell, Michael Sayer, John Witjes.

Pastor's Advisory Committee 7.00pm Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2010  
Lesley Kelly (Chair), Will Geris, Michael Sayer, Cliff Thompson, Mary Tudin, Jane Watts, Robert Wojcik

Input and offers to help with the work of these committees is welcome –through contact with any of the above, by a call to John Gowsell (613 548-3624) or Lesley Kelly (613 547-4102), by a note in the collection basket or through the rectory letter box.

Fr. Don Oberwarth, a diocesan priest, will reside in the apartment above the parish hall for a period of time.