



**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Our Lady of the Assumption Roman Catholic Church
Iqaluit, Nunavut
January 15, 2012**

Present:

Priest: Fr. Daniel Perreault
Chair Greg Cayen
Vice-Chair John Maurice
Secretary Liz Cayen

Angelo Brazil, Bonnie Berzamina, Marc Lefebvre, Patrick Hynes, Walter Hejnowicz, Beata Hejnowicz, John Maurice, Rhoda Unalaq, Francois Picotte, Elsie Van Rooy, Daphne Mutema and Tina Mandeya and Valerie O'Doherty.

1. Call to Order and Opening Prayer - The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 11:40 a.m. Fr. Daniel led in the opening prayer.
2. Fr. Daniel indicated that there was one decision to be made; the financial statements will be approved sometime in February 2012. Several changes have been made to the liturgy and in the symbols in the church, such as the sanctuary lamp, etc.

Fr. Daniel would like to introduce communion in both species. This is done throughout the diocese. The practice in the diocese is through intinction (dipping the host into the wine), with two people distributing the body of Christ and two distributing the blood of Christ. The practice of giving communion in both species is in following the direction of Christ. This change is being requested to continue the improvement of the liturgy.

From a liturgical perspective, it is better to actually drink from the chalice, rather than dipping the host. However, there are a number of issues that can make this difficult. There was some discussion around used alcohol-free wine. Fr. Daniel indicated that this is actually against canon law and he must request special dispensation each time he uses this for communion in the jail.

There was discussion around intinction versus drinking from the chalice. Some concerns included the official position of the church on this practice. The official view of the Vatican is that the authority has been given to the Bishop regarding the practice of intinction. The Vatican gives general rules, but authority to the national or local Bishops.

It is important that people show respect for the blood of Christ even though they may not partake in the practice. A person can make this their personal decision and only bow down before the blood of Christ.

This could be a good opportunity to provide training to the community with regard to providing veneration to the body of Christ, in both species. Fr. will provide instruction on this new practice.



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If we decide to pursue this practice, we must look at all risks and educate the congregation, as well as consider some other logistical matters. For instance, we will require restoration of the chalice and there will be an expense to this.

Greg explained that as a Parish Council we do not have the authority to decide on this matter. Our opinion is extremely important to help the pastor and for the well being of the community. But at the end, this decision should be made by our priest, Father Daniel, in conjunction with the wishes of Bishop Reynald. Regarding this initiative, we are able to provide Father Daniel with our input and it is really appreciated.

With this in mind a non-official and non-binding vote was taken. A majority of the Parish Council was in agreement with supporting Father Daniel in this initiative. However there were some who were not sure about this.

However the final decision to implement this will rest with Father Daniel in consultation with Bishop Reynald.

In addition the Parish Council approved the restoration of another chalice for an approximate cost of \$900.00

3. The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Chair

Vice-Chair