

**ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY (“SMCC”)
PASTORAL COUNCIL (“PC”)
MINUTES OF MEETING
OCTOBER 28, 2025 @ 7:00 PM**

In attendance: *Ex officio* Fr. Vargas, Fr. Chukwurah
M. Nasse (Chair), M. Tapuska (Secretary) M. Fitzsimmons, D. Helton, S. Kelly, G. Puhl

Regrets: M. McGee (Chair, SMCC Finance Council), B. d’Souza C. du Toit, K. Gibson, K. McKinnon, O. Uwagboe.

Call to Order and Welcome

Conversation in the Spirit

Items from September Meeting

1. Approval of Minutes

Moved that the minutes of the September 30, 2025, meeting of PC be approved. **Seconded.**
Approved as tabled.

2. Pastor Items

- There is a conflict on December 6 with the Diocesan Renewal Retreat; the Sanctuary had been booked previously. The Retreat will now be held in the Day Chapel.
- A presentation has been booked for Lent, 2026. The speaker is an expert on the Shroud of Turin.
- An appeal for increased donations may soon be made because year end is quickly approaching and there are extra expenses, notably the upgrade to the elevator which will cost approximately \$60,000.
- The new Volunteer Coordinator is compiling a list of current ministries and volunteer positions. A Building Committee is needed to manage the required trades for operation of the building, such as HVAC, electrical and plumbing.

3. Youth Groups

The following trends were noted (based on discussions with youth at Bisho Carroll, St. Mary’s and St. Francis high schools).

- A space is provided on a weekly or monthly basis where youth can meet to discuss scripture or watch a movie. There is no structured agenda.
- Food is provided by the youth (potluck).
- Dances may be held (especially where the group is cultural).

- There is a correlation between the above points and increased Mass attendance by youth.

The first “Night Lights” was held at SMCC last Saturday, October 25.

Also, starting in the new liturgical year, there will be a program for children in grades 1-4 that is an enhancement of the current Sunday Children’s Liturgy.

New Items

1. Heating in the Church

Parishioners have complained about the Sanctuary – it has been cool the last few Sundays. It was noted that there has been heavy investment in the HVAC system at SMCC, but sometimes it doesn’t work. AK Brown is contracted to do the maintenance and repairs of the system, and they can make a diagnosis remotely. The best course of action is to advise Fr. Vargas, and he will ask AK Brown to diagnose and fix the problem.

2. Parish Renewal Action Items

The *Parish Pastoral Council Guidelines* provided by the Diocese of Calgary stipulate that an Annual Work Plan is created. It is suggested that since the Parish Renewal Team (PRT) has already created a Renewal Plan for SMCC, the PRT and PC collaborate to action the items in the Renewal Plan. To facilitate this process, the Chair of PC will attend meetings of the PRT.

Meeting Dates

A previous request had been made that an invitation for upcoming meetings be sent to members of PC so that the dates could be entered automatically in phones, laptops, etc. This request cannot be met. Members are encouraged to add meeting dates to their devices.

Fr. Vargas has a conflict with the next scheduled meeting date, December 2, 2025. In the absence of an urgent matter that requires a meeting of PC, that meeting is cancelled and meetings will resume in the new year.

Closing Prayer

Adjournment

Moved that the meeting be adjourned. **Seconded.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Next Meeting – January 27, 2026