

ELCPAP
Communications Update
Chapter Seven
February 14, 2024

On January 18, 2023, Bishop William T. McGrattan of the Calgary Catholic Diocese launched the East Lethbridge Catholic Parish Assessment Project (ELCPAP) to make recommendations with respect to the future of All Saints Parish. Specifically, guidance was sought on the issues of improving parish unity and determining dedicated church space. This is the seventh in a series of regular Chapter updates to keep you informed of the status of the project and explain how current activities are related to the overall project.

Current Activities

On February 7, 2024, Bishop McGrattan and Fr. Wilbert Chin-Jon, Moderator of the Curia, visited Lethbridge at Our Lady of Assumption to formally receive the recommendations that the Parish Assessment Team has unanimously supported. Ryan Tarnava, Chairman the Evaluations and Recommendations Subcommittee, presented three strategic and seven implementation recommendations (10 in total) to the Bishop.

During his presentation, Ryan acknowledged the immense efforts of the Parish Assessment Team and their subcommittees throughout this year long project. He specifically thanked the:

- Option Generation Team led by Dorothy Boras, supported by Oscar Tavernini, for collecting/analysing 398 responses
- Data Collection Team led by Cyndi Lilienthal that produced a 70 page report summarizing over 800 pages of empirical research
- Needs Analysis Team led by Cyndi Lilienthal that collected and analysed 782 parishioner survey responses to clarify parish needs
- Evaluations and Recommendations Subcommittee for their work discerning 41 scenarios into 10 recommendations
- Implementation Team, led by Jozef Prozniak, for designing the 7 Implementation Plans
- Spiritual Committee, led by Fr. Santiago Torres, for developing the project prayer card and focussing spiritual support
- Communications Committee, led by Colette Lemire, for championing the Bishop's 5 key messages and for these updates.

The Bishop expressed profound gratitude for both the efforts of the Parish Assessment Team, and for the recommendations themselves. The recommendations will remain confidential until the Bishop has reviewed them in depth along with the hundreds of pages of supporting documentation. The Bishop will also consult with the Diocese Consultor, the Priest Council and the Diocese Finance Council on the recommendations.

Next Steps

The Bishop is required to take these recommendations, as some are financial, through the standard Diocesan approval process. The Bishop has the authority to accept, reject, negotiate, or defer on any or all of the recommendations. Bishop McGrattan will return to Lethbridge and announce his final decision on April 7, Divine Mercy Sunday.

If you have any questions, or would like more information on the project, please ask me directly, or refer to the website including the Bishop's January 18, 2023 PowerPoint.

-Father Kevin