

## Immaculate Parish Renovation Cmte

### Minutes – January 9, 2018

Members Present: Br. Martin, Fr. Tony, Matt Gray, Lisa Prendergast, Lisa Sims, Julie Renshaw, John Castlen, Rick Ebelhar, Dot Reid, Sarah Ford.

Meeting Opened with a Prayer.

Tonight we began our group presentations. The committee has been divided into 4 small groups, each group charged with the task of presenting the highlights from the 3 selected study resources. The first group was Fr. Tony and Sarah Ford with a presentation on “Environment and Art in Catholic Worship”. The presentation was open for discussion among the group and comments from Br. Martin, and it also included some pictures to exemplify the material. This section of the book points us to the worship of God and its requirements – and it highlights many aspects of the design/shape of the church building, the materials used, placement and construction of the major furnishings, and their appropriateness to the worship experience. The presentation was packed with a lot of detailed information and Matt asked Sarah for a copy of the presentation to share with the group. (provided in a separate email very soon)

Group presentations continue next month with Julie Renshaw and Dot Reid on the first part of the source “Built of Living Stones”.

The group also discussed the need to begin sharing our meetings with the parish. It was noted that many parishioners may have forgotten about this being a part of our 3–year strategic plan resulting in questions about this committee and its purpose. Now is the time to begin relaying information. We will begin with use of the bulletin, and an insert page dedicated to this committee. Matt will prepare the insert, which will contain the committee members names, the objective as listed in the strategic plan, the sources used, and an explanation that the committee is presently in an educational phase about church design and its interior appointments. Other suggestions included the importance of a consistent message in the bulletin (and other communication methods), and a call to prayer by the parishioners for this endeavor.

#### **Future Meeting Dates**

**Wednesday, February 7, 6PM**

**Tuesday, March 6, 6PM**

**Tuesday, April 10, 6PM**

**Wednesday, May 9, 6PM**