

ST. EDWARD'S PARISH

2018 AGM



*Claiming the Past with Gratitude;
Living the Present with Enthusiasm;
Looking to the Future with Hope*

Pastor's Report

St. Edward's Parish

AGM – 2018

Now that my first year as pastor is coming to an end, it is appropriate I report on happenings in the parish and the condition of the parish.

I find St. Edward's to be a very active parish, with many liturgies and outreach programs, with many volunteers and active parishioners. I am pleased to be here at St. Edward's and I am grateful to the witness of the faith by all those around me, from young to old.

My report on the activities and state of the parish is as follows:

Sacraments

This past year we have celebrated:

Baptisms	12
Confirmations	16
Weddings	2
Funerals	11

Churchwatch Program: This year we instituted a new security program for the church. 6 parishioners have volunteered and been appointed to watch over the church property and to report on any potential risks or new damage to the property. Each time they pass or pass through the property they look for potential risks. If they encounter something serious they have been instructed to call for assistance from the relevant responders e.g. parish priest, parish secretary, police, fire, etc.

As well as watching over the property and reporting on potential risks they maintain a record so that the parish has records demonstrating to the insurance company that the parish is doing its due diligence.

Men's Group: In the Fall, I started a men's group. This group is in addition to, and alongside, the Knights of Columbus, and is intended to include men in the parish who are not members of the Knights. The purpose of the group is to gather, to study together the role and duties of men in the church, in the family and in society, and to do outreach in the parish and in the larger society. For the past year the members of the men's group have been reading and discussing the Apostolic Exhortation *Into the Breach*, by Bishop Thomas J. Olmstead, Bishop of Phoenix. Our first and only project to date has been to organize with the Knights the monthly BBQ at Warmland. This project is a great success due to the participation and support of the parish.

Liturgy: Over the past year we have celebrated many significant feast days and solemnities as well as many sacramental liturgies. I have been very impressed and pleased with these celebrations and I am very grateful to all the members of our parish liturgy committee, to all those who serve on the altar, to all choir members, and to all those who took public roles in the liturgies. I must admit that I was somewhat concerned with the dramatic re-enactments of the biblical stories in the Easter Vigil, but, in the end, I was greatly pleased at their appropriateness and beauty. These performances are not "encouraged" by the liturgical authorities

but they were prayerfully and respectfully done to serve our parishioners in receiving the message of the readings.

Foyer: In answer to a parishioner's request, the parish looked at de-cluttering the foyer. Some tables have been removed, others repositioned. Unused shelving has been removed and a new display case with Marian devotional items has been set up. Future work will include the repainting of the foyer, and the removal of one or more bulletin boards. Historical photos of our past pastors will be hung and other items aimed at beautifying the foyer will be installed.

Maintenance: Over the course of the year, Carlo Stocco, our volunteer maintenance man, along with his "crew", has been repairing and maintaining the church, the rectory and parking lot. He has also been overseeing work being done on the grounds. Carlo also organized and decluttered the furnace room and the electrical room.

Children's Faith Formation: Debbie Fernandez, with the assistance, of Char Carlin, has been leading the Children's Faith Formation program to great success. I am deeply grateful for all of their work.

Children's Liturgy: Terri Teasdale has been organizing the Children's Liturgy and the monthly children's Mass and I wish to thank her for her faithful service in this regard.

Queen of Angels School: I believe I have developed a good rapport with the staff and children of Queen of Angels. Much work needs to be done and I am looking forward to planning for the future with Mrs. Kathy Korman and Mr. Bern Muller.

Outreach: I am very grateful for all our volunteers attending to the needs of the homebound and the needs of our parishioners in care homes. Even with the best of intentions, I could never reach all those in need, and I do hate to think that any elderly or ill parishioner becomes "forgotten" and loses the benefit of the sacraments in their time of need.

Youth: I am very grateful to Michael and Camille Nun for their work with the Youth Group. Discussions are underway to enhance the youth group and enrich its activities.

Additional Pastoral Duties: The parish should be aware that, in addition, to my work as pastor of St. Edward's, pastor with oversight of St. Louis de Montfort, and, Bishop's representative at Queen of Angels, I am now responsible for daily Mass at the Poor Clare's Monastery and for weekly Mass at St. Francis Xavier in Mill Bay. Fr. Sam, newly arrived from India, will share with me the provision of Mass at the Poor Clares' and at St. Francis Xavier.

Thanks to, and Blessing on, all,

Fr. Stephen Paine



Parish Pastoral Council 2018

Dear Parishioners

Last July we welcomed our new Pastor, Fr Stephan Paine. This has been a year for him to get to know us and for us to get to know him. We would like to thank Father Stephan for putting his trust in the Council to assist him in his transition to St. Edwards.

According to parish policies council is to consist of six to ten members. This past year we started with nine council members. Our Council this year consisted of Jim Korman, Pat Smith, Brenda Hennig, Florie Varga, Egils Anderson and myself. Jim Young moved and Dilbert Garcia and Carlo Brizzi were unable to fit this in with their schedule. So, this left us with 6 Member. At our June meeting we are saying good-bye to Florie Varga. Florie has been Vice-Chair for her two years on council and I would like to thank her for her dedicated and hard work. This coming year I would like to welcome Warren Jennings, Lorri Hamilton, and Bern Muller. Each member brings different expertise to the council and we use this to better serve the Parish as a whole.

Our recorder for our meetings is Francine Tournier. In May Francine stepped down from this role as she became President of the CWL in January. We thank Francine for her dedicated service.

This year we started a new committee. The Personnel Committee, which the Diocese recommended. This committee deals with the hiring, termination and personnel issues of staff. Little did we know they would be so busy this year. On this committee is Florie Varga, Mary Hof, Phil Jennings. and Father Stephan. I would like to thank them for the great job they have done.

We are very fortunate in our Parish to have a great staff. Our secretary of 26 years, Sherriden Clements. We would like to thank her for her hard work and dedicated service. Jackie Brimacombe, our bookkeeper, who resigned from this position on April 1. We thank Jackie for her 9 years of service. And Thanks to Dean Paige, our janitor who does a great job keeping the Church and Hall clean.

Because of the workload with the new computer system and more reports to the Diocese we hired Andrea O'Higgins as a part time secretary to help in the office. We welcome her.

In May we hired Shelly Brimacombe as our bookkeeper. Shelly has worked for the Diocese in the past and did work for the Parish when Jackie was ill. We welcome her and the transition has been very smooth.

We are so very fortunate in this Parish to have so many individuals who are involved in the many ministries of the Parish. In the past four years I have learnt how many people it takes to have the Parish run smoothly and efficiently. At this time, we would like to thank each and everyone for all your hard work and countless hours that you give freely to the parish.

We have had two meetings with Bishop Gary Gordon in which he shared his vision for the Cowichan Valley. He would like all priests and religious to work together, both in the School and Church, to serve the valley as a whole, all for the Greater Glory of God.

We have been searching for ways to honor David Craven's bequest for Children's Education. We looked into the Net Ministry which would have a group of people come help organize the ministry and we would have to guarantee that we would hire a dedicated person for three years. This we could not afford.

In closing we would like to thank all Parishioners for your continued support. Please continue to use the suggestion box or contact any member of the Council. We do review all signed suggestions at the PPC meeting and we do appreciate your input. Please pray for us so that we can continue to serve St. Edwards The Confessor for the Glory of God.

I invite all to attend the AGM meeting on Tuesday June 19th at 7:15 following Mass.

God Bless,

Carol DeBruin

Parish Pastoral Chair on behalf of all Council members.

St. Edward's Parish

Finance Committee 2018 AGM Report

This report covers the financial year 2017 with comments on our financial situation since the end of the financial year.

I apologize for not being here in person to present the report but our trip to Newfoundland has been planned for almost a year and I have only been appointed chair recently. I am sure that Maria can answer any questions.

While our financial condition is not currently critical, 2017 continued the trend of declining collections. The overall financial situation was saved by a large bequest. However, our life blood of collections from parishioners declined by 5% from 2016 and was 10% less than the budget for 2017. This problem is continuing in 2018. While hope for better times is a positive sentiment, action will have to be taken to remedy this problem which appears to be caused by the loss of our more financially secure older parishioners who are being replaced by younger parishioners with tighter budgets.

There is little room to improve our situation by reducing expenses. The various committees setting expense budgets have done a reasonable job of curbing expenses and generally, where they have gone over budget, had valid reasons. The turnover of pastors, the cost of using copyright music and some needed repairs to the building accounted for an additional \$7,000. A non-cash expense that was \$6,000 over budget was caused by correction of our fixed asset registers. This was offset by under budget expenditure for fellowship, rectory, special projects and general administration of \$14,000.

We have attempted to make people aware of our needs by noting the level of contributions in the parish bulletin. During my travels last year, I saw this approach used in Mexico, Ireland and England. I am not sure how it was working there but it is too passive a model to increase revenue. It needs to be some how reinforced by personal appeals. Our success with the annual appeal could be a model.

As noted above, I have only recently been appointed chairman of our group. Both Maria and I have served our three year terms on the committee. The loss of Greg and Ron to the committee was unexpected and a great loss. We need some volunteers or at least some persons who could be convinced to serve. It does not take a great deal of time with only a few meetings per year. The group also participate in the preparation of the annual budget and provide some oversight on approval of expenditure, particularly items out of the budget. We prepare the annual return for the Tax Department and generally make ourselves heard on financial issues.

In addition to the change of chairman, we have a new bookkeeper, and a new accounting system which has not yet been widely acclaimed.

Ed Hourihan
12 June 2018

Liturgy Committee

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Ken Denis joined the Committee; he is a representative of the Lectors.

The Family Mass (former Children's Mass) takes place on the last Sunday of the month.

On Commissioning Sunday, the following Ministries and Committees were commissioned: Catechists and Religious Education; Adult Faith Formation; Extra Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist and Outreach; Parish Pastoral Council; Lectors; Music; Altar Servers, Ushers, and Finances.

Hospitality: Martha Courchenne volunteered to coordinate the greeters for the weekend Masses. Parishioners serving in this Ministry received the guidelines and are now on a scheduled list.

Lectors: Patricia Smith volunteered to coordinate the Lectors' schedule during the year. A workshop for Lectors was presented twice (November 2017 and January 2018) to allow all Lectors to attend and follow the same procedures. The presenters were Fr. Stephen, Pat Smith, and Ken Denis.

To celebrate the Music Ministry in our Parish there was a special Mass on the Feast of Saint Cecilia, Patron Saint of Music (November 22nd), followed by a social gathering.

The Lenten Mission took place in March 2018 and was directed by Fr. Frank Franz.

At a special Mass in May, 8 children received the sacraments from Bishop Gary. 4 received First Holy Communion and all 8 children were confirmed. There was a reception in the hall afterwards.

Leadership of the Liturgy Committee is now shared between Blanca Stead and Cassandra Barfield.

FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY

Reporting Period: October 2017 to June 2018

Faith Formation Coordinator: Debby Fernandez

Catechists: Char Cardin

Debby Fernandez

Helpers: Cienna Fernandez

Kiara Fernandez

Substitute: Fritz Fernandez

The Faith Formation Ministry team has been meeting weekly on Wednesday evenings since October 04th, 2017 until May 23rd, 2018 to minister to 15 children in the Faith Formation program. The Children's Liturgy room and the large meeting room in the parish rectory were used as the classrooms as the groups were small in number. We would gather in the church, sing our gathering songs then participate in listening and dialogue on the readings of the upcoming week as per the diocesan Sacramental Initiation Preparation Program. Father Stephen Paine would join us in greeting and discussion when he was available to do so. This is greatly encouraged as it allows the children an opportunity to develop and foster a relationship with Fr. Stephen. If the numbers increase in the upcoming year then we may need to consider going back to Queen of Angels School and request the usage of a few classrooms for the weekly gatherings.

During the year we had two groups that were led by Char Cardin and Debby Fernandez. Char Cardin led a group of 7 children that were using the Year 1 Book from the Call to Faith program as well as participating in the gathering rituals for the Sacramental Program. This group also included one child registered in the Kindergarten program. The second group of 8 children was led by Debby Fernandez. The Sacramental Preparation Program Year 2 along with the Call to Faith Program Year 2 was the main resources used. Three other books were also used to help focus on the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. All the children in the program were given a copy of the Holy Bible as presented at the parish on October 29th, 2017 and a children's missal to help prepare for the weekly readings.

In the Sacramental Prep group there were 4 children who were to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation only and the other 4 children were prepared to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. The Sacrament of Reconciliation was first celebrated during Lent and then again the week before the Sacramental Mass held on May 26th with Bishop Gary Gordon as the celebrant.

During the year we would gather together and listen to the readings of the upcoming week and discuss them as one big group, we would then separate into our smaller groups to focus on the teachings as per the age group.

The children also participated in many group activities together as one large group such as:

Bible Presentation

Christ the King crown making

Christmas Nativity play

Ash Wednesday and the preparation of the palms for burning,

Lenten Garden

Paschal Candle Making

Lenten Sacrificial Donation box – Gathering \$76.70 for the Food Bank locally

May Crowning of Mary in the Grotto

The group meeting with Char Cardin completed the year on May 09th, 2018 with the Sacramental Prep group completing the year on May 23rd. Both groups gathered together on May 16th for the Crowning of Mary and a celebratory reception for the children and their families in the parish hall. The children presented Char Cardin and our youth helpers with “Thank you” gifts and cards for all their dedication throughout the year.

The Sacramental Mass was held on May 26th, celebrated by Bishop Gary Gordon and was well attended by representatives of the parish community and Queen of Angels staff and students. The candidates were strongly encouraged to go out into their community, school and family and be shining witnesses to their faith commitment.

Future Objectives

Bible Camp proposal for August 2018 with the help of volunteers from the parish community.

September 2018 Faith Formation Registration to commence in the upcoming weeks.

Queen of Angels outreach with inserts/invitations in the school newsletter to participate in the journey of faith building as individuals and community.

We encourage and welcome any volunteers into the ministry as catechists, substitutes or helpers. Our volunteers along with their strong and bold “Yes, Lord! Here I am” and their dedication is what has enabled this year to be so successful. The children’s experience in faith journeying is truly enhanced by their commitment and example.

Report prepared by: Debby Fernandez

ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR PARISH

CHILDREN'S LITURGY MINISTRY
AGM REPORT
JUNE 12, 2018

REPORTING PERIOD:
SEPTEMBER 2017 TO JUNE 2018



Reporting Period: October 2017 to June 2018

Children's Liturgy Coordinator:	Terry Teasdale		
Ministers:	Char Cardin	Debby Fernandez	Aimee Foss
	Rhoda Glass	Joan Langtry	Nick Zuback
Substitutes:	James Black and Brian Untereiner		

The Children's Liturgy Ministers are a group of dedicated volunteers, who willing share their time, talent and faith with our younger parishioners ranging in age from preschool to grade four on average.

This past year the ministry has changed somewhat and therefore, changes have been made accordingly. Children's Liturgy is no longer required during Saturday evening mass as the number of children attending is none to a few on occasion. The last Sunday of the month is dedicated to the family and therefore, the Children's Liturgy Ministry is not required. Ministers are scheduled approximately once every six to eight weeks as per our current volunteer enrollment.

The ministry runs from September to June in conjunction with the school year. The year is divided into three terms and scheduling is provided by Terry Teasdale. Prior to scheduling, each minister is requested to submit any possible dates that they would not be available during the given term. Two weeks prior to the term beginning, each minister receives a schedule hard copy along with all the resources that they will need to conduct the class. The Children's Liturgy room is set up for the ministers, prior to their class, with follow-up activities and any material such as crayons, markers, Arch story books and music as may be required.

The Children's Liturgy ministry welcomes anyone who feels so inclined to volunteer and if required feel free to join and observe in on a session to get better understanding of what occurs. To all current ministers a sincere thank you for volunteering your time and talent to this deeply rewarding vocation.

Report prepared by: Debby Fernandez

Pastoral Care Outreach Ministry AGM 2018



The members of our Pastoral Outreach Ministry are compassionate, spirit filled, dedicated volunteers from our Parish family who reach out to serve the frail, elderly, sick and lonely from the community we serve.

Members of our group visit the homebound, those in hospital, care facilities and various lodges. We visit Cerwydden, Cairnsmore, Ts' i' ts' uwatul' Lelum and Cowichan District Hospital. We are also called to visit anyone from Chemainus parish when requested by St. Joseph's pastoral outreach. They, in turn, will visit our parishioners who live in the Chemainus Healthcare Centre.

Requests for visits and/or Holy Communion come from various sources. Family, friends, concerned parishioners, and pastoral care coordinators of other parishes. Requests received at the parish office are passed on to Fr. Stephen or to coordinators Marilyn Klizs or Leslie Mathews. Requests for the sacrament of The Anointing of the Sick and the sacrament of Reconciliation are passed on to Fr. Stephen.

Other activities of this ministry include the celebration of Mass at Sunridge Place every Friday. A prayer service at Cairnsmore 4-5 times a year and occasional masses at other facilities as they can be arranged. The World Day of the Sick was marked this year at Sunridge Place. St Edwards parish is hoping to host it in 2019.

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Certificates were presented to all participants who completed all four sessions the weekend of June 9/10. Marilyn Klizs and myself, Leslie Mathews, have also been kept busy as we attended a workshop in Cobble Hill, Circles of Support. Strengthening Personal Networks for Caregivers and Seniors, and participating in the first conference call of all Pastoral Care coordinators on the island. It has certainly given us an appreciation of how well our team communicates and works together.

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Respectfully submitted

Leslie Mathews

Adult Faith Formation 2017/2018—AGM Report

There were a number of opportunities for ongoing faith formation and development again this year. All sessions were delivered as planned and in most cases were very well attended and created opportunities to nurture our faith and the understanding of the Traditions and Teaching of the Church. The opportunities included the following:

Ministries of the Mass Workshops

This year the review session for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion was held again. The focus was to review the roles and accountabilities of the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion during the Mass and after the Mass through visitation to those who could not join us.

There were two perspectives used;

- a look at our own spirituality and ministry and also some reflections and exercises that may help support participants in deepening their faith, spirituality and ministry and
- a pragmatic review of the roles and accountabilities in the Eucharistic Mass.

Weekly Adult Faith Formation

There were fall and a winter sessions held this year based on two different books. All courses are run on a cost recovery basis for the combined cost of the book plus shipping if there is any. For every hour of facilitation there is up to 4 hours of preparation and research into current faith events that are applicable, Church Teachings, statements by the Magisterium and CCCB as well as finding appropriate art works and icons that help deepen our spirituality and faith.

Fall session,

Total books sold:	20
Number enrolled:	18
Range attendees:	12-16
Average attendees:	14
Number attending all sessions:	12

Last fall we used Father James Martin's book *Seven Last Words, An Invitation to a Deeper Friendship with Jesus*. Father Martin is a well-known author who shared his Jesuit Charism in his easy to read style. The book looks at the traditional last seven phrases that Jesus says in the Gospels while he was on the cross. We used a combination of prayer, scripture, guided reflection, contemplation and discussion to explore the impact these last 7 phrases can have on us as members of today's Body of Christ. We met Wednesday evenings in the church hall starting October 4th and meeting for 9 sessions ending November 29th. The sessions ran from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. each evening.

Winter session,

Total books sold:	27
Number of people with access to the books:	37
Number enrolled:	31

Range attendees: 22-29

Average attendees: 25

Number attending all sessions: 11

The sessions were held Thursday afternoons from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. using Sister Nuala Kenny's book, *Rediscovering the Art of Dying*. This book was a beautiful follow up to the fall session book by Father Martin in it looked at the Passion of Christ as the basis of the chapters. We used a combination of prayer, Taize, scripture, guided reflection based on Lectio Divina, contemplation and discussion to explore and as Sister Nuala suggested, pray the book. The sessions ran from January 11th to February 22nd and were held in the church hall. The feedback was very positive despite the aggressive schedule. People suggested one chapter per week and possibly 1.5 hour sessions. This course will be re-revised and offered again in fall 2018.

Evangelization and Faith Mentoring

Mary Claire and I continue to visit with Carl, who became a Catholic last Easter and by request by Father Luyen is our Godson. We continue to explore his faith and Catholic practice and spirituality.

Pastoral Outreach Training

I was blessed three times in the past year to have been invited by Moira King to present at training sessions for Pastor Care Visitors on working with grieving families. It was a real treat for me to bring my nursing background and stories to share with the Victorian participants twice at St. Joseph the Worker and once for Upper Island participants in Ladysmith at the St. Mary's Parish. Both Mary Claire and I were also able to take the 4 sessions as participants to enable us to better understand and participate in pastoral outreach ministry.

Final thought

This was another busy year of adult faith formation ministry and joy assisting with the various opportunities for parishioners to learn more about our faith, our Traditions, the teachings of the Church, and exploring scripture and prayer as part of our daily lives as Roman Catholics. It has been a pleasure over the past many months to continue to be a faith facilitator at St. Edward's and work with Father Paine on the above faith formation initiatives.

Respectfully Submitted;

Phil Jennings

Adult Faith Formation Facilitator

St. Edward the Confessor Parish

June 4, 2018

Our Youth Group met from September to June, Saturday evenings after Mass from 6:30 to 8:30 every week with the exception of holidays or retreat weekends, and the occasional week where our small group was all sick or away.

Our group was small this year. We had 6 kids who came regularly, with 6 more that would come on occasion. Four of the students were from the same family/foster family, and have been sporadic with attendance all year, but have participated more than they did last year. One of our boys attends at Mill Bay, and lives in Shawnigan Lake, and one boy lives and attends Mass on Saltspring Island. 5 of the 6 regulars are students at Queen of Angels school. (The other is a student at Cowichan High).

With a small group, and having at least one or two with foot injuries, we focused less on active games, unless we had the whole group in attendance. We did a lot of thinking games, lots of music, practice for our fundraiser skit, and lots of discussion and education.

The lesson portion of the evening is either a presentation or discussion lead by Fr. Stephen. The students respond extremely well to Fr. Stephen, and all said within a few weeks that they really enjoyed his talks and discussions, and how good it felt to be close to their pastor, and how much they appreciate his involvement. If Fr. is not available, we base our lessons on the lesson from the previous week, following up on Fr.'s homework assignment, or on information sent to us by Pat Carter. Since the lessons are based on the Gospel at the 5:00 Mass, the lesson plans, plus Fr's Gospel and Homily provide us with the night's material. We add some details from the internet or other sources to illustrate the message of the week's gospel. For examples, while discussing the Last Supper, and the changing of water to wine and bread to body, we read about Miracles of the Eucharist, which provided a very interesting discussion. While the Youth are listening, they enjoy a snack, usually fruit and cookies. The families all worked together to provide snacks on a rotation that just worked itself out without any intervention from us.

Part of our weekly meetings often included planning for our fundraisers. This included planning and practicing the songs and skits.

The bottle drive was held on January 2nd, and this provided us with enough funds to cover the costs for our grade 7's and up to attend Camp Homewood the first weekend in February. This year we raised almost \$800 at the bottle drive, the same as last year. 4 of our students went to Homewood this year, travelling by bus and connecting with some girls from St. Ann's on the way. All of the students' fees were paid in full by fundraising, for both Camp Homewood, Camp Pringle and DYC. Our Advent retreat is free for all.

Our Pasta Dinner is the largest fundraiser of the year. This year we provided a dinner of Spaghetti with Chicken Puttanesca (chicken in a vegetable and tomato sauce), Caesar Salad, Garlic Bread, Poppy Seed cake with Ice Cream. We entertained with a skit and 3 songs during dessert. The kids helped decorate, prepare, cook and serve the food, they topped up coffee and tea, cleared plates, provided seconds and cleaned up at the end. We couldn't have done it without the help of the other parents as well, but all the Youth took responsibility for something and they were very independent with their tasks again this year. There was a great sense of community amongst the kids as they worked at the pasta dinner.

In addition to our special event fundraisers, we are grateful to the Knights of Columbus for the opportunity to work with them to serve and clean up the pancake breakfast again this year.

Other events from this past year:

Singing Christmas Carols outside the Church before Mass Saturday and Sunday during Advent.

Advent retreat November 25th, with Fr. Alfredo and the group from St. Joseph the worker Parish, and Swedini Halliday's group from Trinity Parish in Nanaimo. This was a one day workshop on the Saturday of the First Sunday of Advent. Fr. Alfredo lead the lessons and discussions.

Bottle Drive January 6th

Camp Homewood, February 2nd to 4th on Quadra Island. The keynote speakers were Face to Face Ministries who also supervised the group discussions. The Youth really enjoyed the activities such as archery, sailing and horseback riding, the obstacle course again this year. Our grade 12 students plan to return next year as adult supervisors.

Pasta Dinner fundraiser February 18th

April 13, 14 and 15th Retreat at Camp Pringle. The retreat was fantastic, we could see the faith grow in the students as the week progressed. They spoke of seeing Jesus in the games by how the older kids supported and encouraged the younger on the team, and how the teams united in a common goal. They talked about being uplifted by Adoration and the Mass, and everyone is very keen to go again. Our graduating students claim that they'll return next year as adult supervisors.

May 25th, 26th and 27th Diocesan Youth Conference was a huge success. It solidified the growth in faith that the youth have experience over the last year. The guest speaker was Sr. Helena Burns, who spoke with humour and used language all the teens could understand. Many of them listed Reconciliation and Adoration as the highlights of the weekend.

Next year we are hoping to see a change in format. The older students will meet with Bud James for a discussion session, while we work with the younger grades, with the two groups getting together for games and social after or before the discussion time. The time of the meeting may change from Saturday after Mass to a weeknight.

Next year's plans are already forming. We will have:

First meeting Sept 15, 2018

Friends and Family Night Sept 22, 2018

Advent retreat on December 1st, 2018

Advent Caroling outside church

Bottle Drive on Jan 6th 2019, or earlier in the week

January 12 Trinity Parish to visit

Camp Homewood Feb 3 – 5th, 2019

Pasta Dinner Fundraiser March 2, 2019 (not confirmed)

April 6, 2019 To St. Joseph the Worker Mass and Youth group

May 4th Mother's Day craft

Camp Imadene May 10-12, 2019

DYC May 26-28, 2019

June 15th Father's day craft

Last meeting of the year: June 23, 2019

Respectfully submitted by Mike and Camille Nunn

Maintenance Report for 2017 – 2018

The past year has seen the following activity:

- Renovation of confessional completed
- Repainted and repaired parking lot lines
- Painted wheelchair access parking at back entrance
- New roofing on church and rectory completed
- Repaired flooring at back entrance of the hall
- Floor in electrical room painted
- All fire extinguishers serviced
- Cleaned air conditioner filters in worship area
- Dusted and cleaned lights in worship area
- Large trees on south side of front entrance and rear of church trimmed
- Replaced 2 leaking hot water tanks with natural gas tanks
- Other minor repairs as requested

Currently working on deck above garage:

- Removed old chimney
- Replaced unsafe floor plywood
- New vinyl flooring applied
- New cedar railing to be installed
- New guard rail on ramp cement wall to be installed

Planned for the coming year:

- South side garden cleanup
- Hall and hallway to be painted ...donation from CWL
- Blinds in hall to be cleaned ...donation from CWL
- Painting of electrical room walls
- Ongoing minor repairs and inspections

Carlo Stocco

Maintenance

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

2017- 2018

“Care for Everyone in Our Common Home” was our theme for this school year.

Throughout the year we have been conscious of taking care of the people in our families, school community, local community, and around the world.

Leading the way, with a strong commitment to our theme, was our staff. They are as follows:

Kindergarten –	Miss Kathryn Fitzmaurice
Kindergarten	Miss Leah Clarkson
Grade One –	Miss Colleen Carlin
Grade One/Two –	Ms. Terry Maier
Grade Two –	Mrs. Sarah Walsh
Grade Three –	Mrs. Pat Carter
Grade Three –	Mrs. Sarah Pilon
Grade Four –	Mrs. Louis Draper
Grade Four –	Mrs. Francesca Durkan
Grade Five –	Mrs. Erin Giles
Grade Five –	Mr. Patrick McCann
Grade Six –	Mrs. Amelia Mann (0.4) & Mrs. Wauthy (0.6)
Grade Six –	Mrs. Marie Lewis
Grade Seven –	Mrs. Brenda Hennig
Grade Seven –	Mrs. Danica Medley
Grade Eight –	Mrs. Anne-Marie Reilander/Mrs. Noleen O
Grade Eight –	Mrs. Amanda Donegan
Grade Nine –	Mr. Brian Untereiner
PE Dept. –	Mr. Nick Zuback and Mrs. Lee Annandale (0.6)
Learning Support –	Mrs. Lana Durand (Coordinator @ 0.6)
	Mrs. Daragh Coulter
	Mrs. Amelia Mann (0.6)
	Ms. Tracy Parker (SLP @ 0.6)

French - Mrs. Rachel Anderson (K – 6)
Mrs. Reilander/Mrs. Noleen Owton (Middle School)

Band Mr. Devan Bailey (Sept-Oct.),
Mrs. Verla Blogg (Nov-Jan.)
Mr. Bern Muller (Feb.-June)

Classroom Music Mrs. Amy Matamba (Feb. – June)

Library Mrs. Char Cardin (0.8)
Mrs. Patti Crockett (0.2)

Support Staff Mrs. Melissa Telfer (Secretary)
Mrs. Tina Campagne (0.8 Receptionist)
Mrs. Shana Marrs (0.2)
Mrs. Victoria Robinson (0.6 Marketing)
Mr. Morris Cleveland (Technology)

Educational Assistants Mrs. Jackie Cleaves
Mrs. Ann Scholten
Miss Michelle McHugh
Mrs. Angela Fukakusa
Mrs. Jolene Duncan (ELC)
Mrs. Susan Porter
Mrs. Maureen Salmon
Mrs. Alison Myher (Sept – Feb.)
Adele Van Wyk (Feb. – June)
Brie Bond

First Nations Support Mrs. Yvonne Van Ryk (and part time EA)

Early Learning Centre	Mrs. Glenda Atcheson (Manager) Mrs. Debby Fernandez (After School Care)
Maintenance	Mr. Mike Hervieux
Uniform Store	Mrs. Sonja Milbury
Vice-Principal	Mr. Bern Muller
Principal	Mrs. Kathy Korman

As we come to the end of my 4th year as administrator, there are some changes during the past year that need to be noted.

Fr. Stephen Paine joined St. Edward's parish and acted as our chaplain throughout the year. He brought much wisdom in his homilies and in his discussions with staff. His reflections at the beginning of our monthly staff meetings were appreciated.

Also new to Q of A, was Mr. Bern Muller. Bern is an experienced administrator and he brought much energy and many new ideas to our table. His work with the emergency preparedness, discipline, the liturgies, and the music program was also much appreciated.

This year was a year of conflict in many ways and of healing. We continued to develop our relationships in the community, but our connections with our First Nations neighbours seemed to be more significant this year. Melissa Telfer worked extremely hard over the Christmas holidays and was instrumental in helping represent our school in a positive light at the Cowichan Tribes Christmas dinner. Both the parish and K of C contributed with the school to offset some of the expenses incurred for this special event. We were privileged to have two elders, Fred George and Meryl Seymour help our students learn Hul'q'umi'num' this year. They helped our gr. 8s & 9s take first place at a recent contest. They have been instructing us on the traditional practice for hosting a potlatch as well. Their friendship and humour have been wonderful for our school environment.

We had some staffing challenges during the year which resulted in a birth and a stress leave. We were grateful to Adele Van Wyk, Brie Bond, Joleen Duncan, and Noleen Owton for filling in the “spots” as necessary.

Our School Council had many new faces this year. I felt honoured to work with such a caring and committed group of people. Our strategic plan was a large part of the Council’s contribution during 2017-18. Many thanks to Jenn Ertel for her leadership.

Technology continued to improve. New photocopiers, a 3D printer, and improved fibre optics are some of the year’s highlights.

In sports, our students did very well. Nick Zuback took wrestlers to Edmonton for the national championships. He took other talented athletes to Port Alberni for the Island Track & Field, and again, we did very well. The entire year was sprinkled with many victories under the coaching skills from a variety of staff members and parents.

Bern and Amy Matamba helped develop our music program this year. It has been a challenge to ensure a quality program due to unforeseen staff changes, but I am truly grateful for the work that both Amy and Bern have contributed to this program. Q of A performed two wonderful African choral pieces during the ICS choral evening at

St. Andrew’s cathedral.

With just 6 weeks till the students are finished, there is much to be done for next year. It is with much gratitude that I reflect on the “busyness” of 2017-18. Many thanks to our parish supporters who include the Knights of Columbus, CWL, and the Plant & Harvest team. I am grateful too to the hard work and effort put forth by the Parents’ Auxiliary and School Council. We truly would be lost without their support. Lastly, I am grateful for the talent and generosity of our school staff. The staff makes coming to school each day a pleasure. They are the ones who lead the learning and develop those very personal relationships with our students. Thank you to all the stakeholders at

Q of A. Let us continue to “care for everyone in our common home.”

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Korman

Principal



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ST EDWARD'S COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT TO ST. EDWARD'S PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL June 2017 – June 2018

The year started with a newly elected council and we are pleased to have members who are new to the executive. We are very happy to participate in wider communication with our members and importantly, with our parish community. It is with gratitude that we are privileged to share our activities and our accomplishments through our parish bulletin.

We are extremely happy to support with our \$500 bursary, the education of a very special student and member of St. Edward's, Natalia Saavedra. The recognition of Natalia's efforts has also been reinforced by our Victoria CWL Diocesan Council with the granting of the Freda Smith Bursary for \$750. Congratulations Natalia!

Once again, cards for Queen of Angels grade 9 graduates will include a beautiful laminated book mark created by one of our members and will be presented at their graduation ceremonies.

With an estimated one-in-five Canadians suffering from a mental health illness and its effects, we were fortunate to have speakers from The Crisis Centre and Women Against Violence Against Women. Both speakers shared practical information and awareness of their many programs and training. More speakers are planned - to inform and promote good health practices, movement and well-being.

Our Spring Tea and Fashion Show is our annual fundraiser. With the help those funds, in the past year we have supported the local organizations of: Somenos House, Bikeworks, the Hospital Building Fund, Providence Farm, Warmland, and toward the sponsorship of a Syrian family living in Iraq until they can join family here.

A new Social Committee was formed to encourage activities and promote attendance and fraternity among members. Everyone enjoys a chance to win so each general meeting, the previous month's two winners bring in the Sharing Plates, filled with something tempting. As the members their names in a draw. The winners take home the loot and the following month they bring back the plates loaded with the delights of their choice to be drawn for again.

Respectfully submitted
Francine Tournier, President



Widows' Group

Our group was founded 21 years ago and today we have 22 ladies in our membership.

We have our monthly meeting on the 3rd Sunday of the month in the Church Hall at 2 :00 p m. It is a time to share and learn from each other. Outing and activities are planned at these meeting and we do sometimes invite guest speakers.

We participate as active members in "The Way of the Cross Stations". We also participate in various ways within the Church Community, when asked.. We visit and pray for our members who are sick or homebound.

This year we donated to Canadian Feed the Children Organization and to the Hamburger Program at Warmland.

We would like to invite any widow' who are interested in learning more about us to attend our meetings.

Respectively submitted,

Eileen Martell

