## St Francis of Assisi, Ohariu Parish

**Leadership Formation Team** - Minutes of meeting on Monday, 16 August 2021, at 7pm

**Atendees**: Paul Betham,John Kleinsman**,** John Lawson, Shane Dinnan, Kitty Mckinley, Clayton Dias, Thomas Davis

**Apologies**: Tim Gordon, Pete Roe

1. Opening prayer/reflection.
2. LFT 2 August 2021 minutes of meeting confirmed.
3. Action Log updated.
4. Leadership & Ministry  
   There was a general discussion on these future roles in the Parish and it was agreed that expressions of interest would be sought from parishioners in early September 2021 so as to progress formation in these important areas.
5. Meeting with ADW and Marists  
   After some discussion, it was agreed that a brief report would be prepared to be sent to ADW and Marists ahead of the meeting. Points for discussion included:
   1. Enormous effort has been expended on the new model and whilst some positive progress has been achieved, this has been gained at significant personal cost to LFT members;
   2. Some parishioners continue to remain opposed to the alternative model and more work is needed on sharing the Vision/Mission and bringing parishioners on board with it;
   3. A lot of emphasis has gone into maintaining/improving what is without the opportunity to bring in the changes that will make the future more sustainable as a parish without a full-time priest;
   4. The way we are currently operating as a Leadership Team is not sustainable in the long term – we need to appoint a Director of Parish Mission (Lay Pastoral Leader); and
   5. We need to work together for this new model to continue.
6. Recruitment for Office Manager  
   Thomas confirmed that this position has now been advertised and that the Director of Parish Mission role is also being reviewed pending discussions with ADW.
7. Portfolio Updatesw
   1. Formation Training – some workshops organised by Fr Pete are planned in September and October;
   2. Sacramental Programme – this is progressing well with 40 to 50 children in attendance and some parents are helping out with getting them on board;
   3. Refugees – next group(s) could be heading to Masterton;
   4. Finance – draft financial report is under preparation ahead of an annual parish meeting should this proceed.
8. Property Review  
   John Kleinsman tabled notes from a Parish Conversation meeting held at St Peter & Pauls on Sunday, 15 August 2021, where 16 parishioners attended with himself, John Lawson, and Paul Betham in support. Future Parish Conversation meetings are planned and it was also suggested that a brainstorming session could be held in late September with some invited guests from the Property Sector to further identify options for consideration. Sunday, 26 September 2021, from 4 to 5:30pm was pencilled as a tentative date for this initiative.
9. General Business
   1. PLAG – Thomas will be sending the minutes out for the last PLAG meeting.
   2. PPC Chairs meeting – a really good document along with two resource materials have been provided from this meeting which will be added to the Parish website with appropriate comment in the newsletter to follow.
   3. LFT new member process – for further discussion re clarification and agreement.
10. Resignation of Tim Gordon  
    LFT noted the resignation of Tim Gordon and wishes to thank Tim for his significant contribution to the Parish and extends best wishes to Tim and loved ones for the future.
11. Next meeting – Monday, 30 August 2021.