

Senior Priests' Committee Annual Report for the General Assembly of Priests 2020

The *Senior Priests' Committee* met during last year's General Assembly (2019). That meeting was to review and incorporate any comments received regarding the Protocols for Priests' Funerals.

On July 03, 2019 we had our annual Workshop/Holy Hour/Dinner for the Senior Priests (although all priests are invited to attend). Our Workshop resource person was Avery Tremblett, a dietitian, who gave an excellent presentation on nutrition and taking medications.

The Holy Hour was presided over by Fr. Doug Murphy. Fr. Bill Burke gave the homily (on his 42nd anniversary of ordination, July 03, 1977). Our thanks to both of them.

The Dinner was generously provided by the Catholic Women's League and the Knights of Columbus of Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Sydney River. They also provided "arrival snacks" for priests travelling to come to the event.

We held a meeting on October 03, 2019 at the Pastoral Centre. There was an official welcome to Fr. Eugene Morris as a new member of our Committee. Committee members keep a contact with senior priests on a one-on-one basis and provides assistance when needed and able to do so.

The next meeting was scheduled for January 22, 2020. In the meantime I had an emergency surgery on December 08. I was in a "recovery" time at that point. Then the "pandemic" came along. So we have not met (other than some telephone contact). Also, we were not able to have our Annual "gathering" of Workshop/Holy Hour/Dinner.

With the ever increasing age of our priests the need for ministry to senior priests becomes more needed. We welcome suggestions and comments from others.

The members of the *Senior Priests' Committee* are: Bishop Kirkpatrick, Fathers: Jake Andrea, Allan MacMillan, Norman MacPhee, Eugene Morris, Peter McLeod, Doug Murphy and Tom MacNeil (Chair).

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom MacNeil