

St. Ignatius Parish Community Meeting Update

On Thursday, November 21, 2013, a parish community meeting was held at the Lions Club to discuss the future of St. Ignatius Church. The first part of the meeting consisted of a slide show that outlined a brief history of the church, major repair projects completed to date, major repairs that need to be completed in the future and the state of the parish finances.

This was followed by a discussion dealing with ways to increase revenues in order to meet everyday expenses as well as the cost of necessary major repairs. A fund raising committee has been formed to implement some of the fund raising methods (e.g. telethon) suggested at the meeting. The immediate goal is to raise \$40000 for roof repairs and re-shingling. This project must be undertaken this coming summer since the parish has received a generous grant (valid for 2014) of \$15000 from Catholic Missions in Canada towards the overall cost of \$55000.

All in attendance were in agreement that the small (and ever decreasing) number of parishioners cannot carry the financial burden of such a large parish so it was proposed that an automatic debit system be introduced. This would allow the community at large (and not just churchgoers) a relatively easy way to contribute to the financial survival of the parish. If you wish to contribute a fixed weekly or monthly or yearly amount, you can send a voided cheque to St. Ignatius Parish, Box 38, St. Alban's, NL, A0H 2E0. Indicate on the voided cheque, the frequency (weekly, monthly or yearly) and the amount per deduction. If you do not use cheques, just send us a short note containing your bank institution number, branch number, your account number, your name and address. Alternatively, you can send the info via email to st.ignatius@nf.sympatico.ca The parish will then enter your data into the BMO file and BMO will begin to make your authorized deductions a few days after we receive your instructions.

If you pay income tax, then your contributions to St. Ignatius Parish can result in significant tax credits. The table below gives a sample of the tax savings. (Note: The savings are the same regardless of your tax bracket.)

Yearly Total	Federal Credit	Provincial Credit (NL)	Actual Cost After Savings	Percent Saved
\$ 200.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 16.40	\$ 153.60	23.2%
\$ 600.00	\$ 146.00	\$ 80.40	\$ 373.60	37.7%
\$ 1000.00	\$ 262.00	\$ 144.40	\$ 593.60	40.6%

Challenge!! We are inviting each family to contact by phone, mail, email or social media such as Facebook as many friends and relatives as possible (especially those who currently do not live in Bay d'Espoir) and encourage them to sign up for a Pre-Authorized Debit. Please support this project so that the much needed work on the church can be completed in the near future.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

St. Ignatius Parish Council