



Halifax – Yarmouth Diocesan Council

Vice - President

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Happy New Year. I hope everyone had a blessed Christmas season. Following the Spiritual Day in November, the Diocesan Council continued to plan upcoming events.

Annual Reports – It is that time again for the annual reports. I received notification that four councils have completed their reports; this is a nice start. Annual reports should be completed online by January 31st. If you are more comfortable using a written format, a report can be sent to the diocesan secretary.

The Halifax-Yarmouth diocesan executive will use the reports from parish councils to write their annual reports. This gives us an opportunity to share your council's accomplishments with the other parish councils. So, feel free to add information outside of the questions asked in the survey.

New Theme – Our theme for the next two years is “Ignite You Passion, Empower His Mission”, with a focus of “Blessed are the Poor”. We are to bring the Good News to the poor. There is a document on the national website with monthly actions and/or activities to develop this theme under the three pillars of Faith, Service and Social Justice. January actions include donation warm clothing and blankets to a shelter, hosting an ecumenical service and working on a resolution related to the lives of the poor. I encourage you to use the document as a resource.

[20251130-Joint-encl-National-Theme-Activity-Calendar.pdf](#)

Here are a few upcoming events to keep in mind.

1. Our general meeting is on January 24th at Saint John XXIII, Cole Harbour, from 10 am – 12pm. This will be a joint in-person and Zoom meeting.
2. Annual Workshop – On March 7, 2026, at St John XXIII. We are still finalizing plans, so if you have ideas for the workshop, please bring them to the General meeting or send along an email. Perhaps we will have an opportunity to explore the new theme.
3. Diocesan Convention – This will be a one-day event on May 2, 2026, at St. Clement's Parish in Dartmouth.
4. Provincial Convention – We are still looking for a host council for a one-day Provincial convention.

God Bless

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