

## **REPORT OF BROCK REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Brock Region encompasses the half of the Niagara Peninsula that includes Dunnville, Wainfleet, Port Colborne, Fort Erie, Niagara Falls (and previously Chippawa), Fonthill and Welland. All the parishes are represented at meetings the first Wednesday of the month. Each meeting is held at a different parish in the region, even though distances can be daunting. This exercise has made our region “smaller” in the sense that we know our region better and it has offered us opportunities to visit and learn first hand about other parishes.

The format of most meetings is a presentation by a guest speaker on either a topical subject or an activity of the Church which needs support or wider understanding. These are followed by a brief social period with refreshments, provided by the hosting parish, after which we attend to the business portion of the meeting.

An important element of the business meeting is the report from Synod Council which updates parish reps on the various matters of concern from the Diocese and any proposed changes to Canon law or policies and the budget intentions. The business portion of the meeting is also an opportunity for parishes to discuss new ideas and discover new ways in which to grow.

Some of our time and focus has been and will continue to be on the role of the council in the region. We are in the process of trying to find the answers to such questions as:

- How can we be of the greatest assistance to the parishes within the region?
- Who are we?
- Where are we going and what do we need to do to get there?
- What should be our role in addressing specific Diocesan issues such as pandemic planning and the greening of Niagara?
- How will we incorporate the Bishop’s vision?
- Etc., etc., etc. there are many more questions that still lie ahead.

In order to grow and thrive, we, like everyone else must take stock of where we are and use the answers to the questions to establish the destination of our continuing journey.

Thank you to all the council members who continue to come out diligently, especially in the cold, snowy, winter months, without whose attendance there would be no regional council.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. Patricia Davis, Chair