



Mike D'Eon

I am honoured and humbled at letting my name stand for a position on the St. Patrick's Parish Pastoral Council. My Name is Michael (Mike) D'Eon and I am relatively new to the St. Patrick's community. I was raised in the Catholic faith at St. Joseph's Parish in Kentville, NS. It differs from St. Patrick's in that it is a small rural parish, but they are similar in that they are both significant forces in their respective communities. I look forward to the opportunity to serve my new spiritual home here at St. Patrick's.

Although I have never served on a parish pastoral council, I have been involved with a number of secular boards in the past. Included among them were: Scouts Canada, Community Living, and a Public Library Board. Each of these presented a variety of challenges which allowed me to grow and develop as a member of each specific group. Listening to understand rather than to answer was one of the key skills I acquired during this time and I bring these to the Parish Pastoral Council.

St. Patrick's is a historic and well established parish in downtown Ottawa. It is my first urban parish and I am impressed by the diversity of the parish community. But, as a downtown parish, it has unique challenges. At this point, I don't know what the current priorities are or what they should be. But, if chosen, I look forward to serving and know that I will do my utmost to help see that they are achieved.

St. Patrick's has welcomed me into the parish community. It would be my pleasure to repay that welcome by helping to further its role in the spiritual community.

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10