

ANTIGONISH DIOCESAN COUNCIL SECRETARY

Annual Report: 2024

of councils reporting: 17/27

This report is summarized from the 2024 annual reports submitted by parish council secretaries in our diocese. There were 6 questions for the secretaries, that dealt with how our councils communicate with the membership and keep up to date on diocesan, as well as national events.

What is the primary method of communication your council uses to become informed of resources at various levels?

All 17 councils reported that email was the main source of communicating with the membership. 11/17 councils use telephone calls; 10/17 use their monthly meetings. Councils also use memos from diocesan and national councils, communiques, word of mouth, as well as websites and social media.

How often does the executive communicate with members?

82% or 14/17 councils reported that they communicate with the membership at their monthly meetings; 2/17 councils or 12% of councils communicate every 2 months, while 1 council communicates every 2 weeks.

Does a member of the council access the national website? If yes, are there any suggestions she would like to make for improvements to the website?

8/17 councils reported that “yes” they do access the website, while 9 councils said “no”. Usually, the president or secretary views the website and they bring back to the meetings anything they feel needs to be shared. Some councils reported they find it hard to find things on the website. A few members do not have computers.

Does a member of the council view the national League postings on social media?

9/17 councils (53%) reported they do not view national League postings on social media while 8/17 councils (47%) reported that they do view national League postings on social media.

Has the secretary or another member of council submitted pictures and a short description of a council event or occasion to share with others?

14/17 councils reported they have shared pictures while 3 have not.

Does the council have someone assist the secretary with council communications?

15/17 councils (88%) reported someone assists the secretary with council communications while 2 councils reported they do not have someone assist the secretary.

Thank you to all councils who submitted annual reports.

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