

| What would you expect the next pastor to do at Mary Mother, and to work at accomplishing with us? | What kind of personal traits and pastoral style would you want our next pastor to have? | What can the parish, through its leadership (Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Committee) and all of the parishioners, do to assure a warm welcome of the new priest and a fruitful transit... | Additional comments: | Thanks for taking the time to help ensure our parish's continued success! |
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| To be as involved and welcoming as was Father Kevin. To lead us in a manner that is encouraging and not seem demanding. | The thing I liked the most about Father Kevin was how he would make the message in the reading relevant to our time. He had a way of making being a Christian enjoyable and something to be proud of. | Welcome him as one of us. Try not to compare him to Father Kevin or make remarks like "Father Kevin never did that" or similar comparisons. | Father Kevin is probably only the second or third priest I have known who let us know that "It's Our Church" and up to us to maintain it physically and spiritually. | |
| Make the Parish feel like a family. | Upbeat, funny, easy to understand, warm hearted, approachable, personable... like Father Kevin Bettens | | We really want Father Kevin Bettens to stay at MMOC. He has such a positive attitude and upbeat personality. Look forward to his mass every Sunday. We are like family and it's because of Father Kevin Bettens. | |
| Continue with our parish initiatives of ministry in our community, our youth programs, music, and to not come in with their own ideas and try to change everything without working together with the parishioners. | someone who understands the diverse cultures at our church, who is welcoming and down to earth. Someone who reaches out to the young people. Finding a priest who can relate to us as people and who understands Canadian culture. | People may need time to adjust to a new priest, but if that person has qualities of getting to know his parishioners, and being an approachable and kind pastor, then that transition will be easier. Introduce the new priest into small group settings to help make connections. | This transition is going to be difficult for many parishioners, including myself and my family. But, we have to keep stressing that although our pastor is an important part of our faith walk, that our primary relationship must be to God, and the church as a whole. | Thank you. |
| Continuing parish programs that encourage learning and growth in the catholic faith | A good shepherd - someone who connects with the people in the parish and has a genuine desire to see their spiritual growth | | | |

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| Continue the great work that is already in place. | Approachable, dedicated and inspiring so that parishioners of all ages will continue to be encouraged to participate not only in the celebration of the Mass, but other ministries and all other aspects of their faith. | Ensure he feels welcome in his new parish by being accepting and giving him a chance to adapt. | | |
| Continue building youth and young adult community. It needs more encouragement. Connect our church with the not necessarily Catholic community. A widow needs to be connected with those who can help socially both in and outside the church. The church is currently an island and needs to be better connected with community resources. | Welcoming, easy going, interested in showing up however briefly to any gatherings happening during the week. Priests at this big parish can't be shy and retiring. Must greet people before and after Mass. Lots of Eastern rite Catholics here. Must not have colonial attitude. We attend here because it is family friendly but still have close ties to the other rite. This parish breathes with both lungs: East and West. | This parish has no problem with welcoming. We love to party and welcomed Devon Stepan with a great transition. Having Fr Kevin introduce the new priest might help. | Social and community connections are essential to being Catholic in this locale. The sing for peace is a wonderful way of meeting our other Christian and God-loving neighbours. The Muslim-Christian dialogue was a beautiful, peaceful connector. More of these events and relationships needs to be encouraged by the clergy. | Thank you for the opportunity. |
| Providing spiritual guidance and growth of the parish. Allowing people to find their own way to serve the Lord. | Spiritually inspiring, understanding and compassionate. Welcoming to all parishioners, friendly. Available. A leader who has a direction and is financially responsible. Young Enthusiastic. Someone exactly like Father Kevin. | Have a series of meet and greets for the new priest so that people may have the opportunity to talk to him and get to know him one on one. | The transition of the new priest will be successful if the priest is on the same page as the parishioners, if not people will find another church or stop attending mass. | Thanks for seeking input from the parishioners. I hope that the college of consultors and the Archbishop will take into consideration the parishioners needs when assigning a new priest. It is unfortunate that when something is not broken and working well people seek to "fix"it. I wish we were like the winnipeg diocese where they don't have the 9 year rule. |
| To ensure that everyone feels welcomed at the Parish and help us grow in our journey to become closer to Jesus. | Kind, Charasmatic, has a sense of humour; filled with the Holy Spirit and enthusiastic about what he does to lead and encourage God's people; Friendly/joyous | Maybe have a welcome party/bbq for him to get to know his parishioners | We are just praying for someone like Fr. Kevin! Someone who loves God and is truly filled with the Holy Spirit so that everything he does is an example of how to live like Christ. | We will lift up the needs of our Parish to our Lord, Jesus to help guide you in your decision making process! God bless |

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| <p>Continue to build a strong, united faith-filled community ensuring all ministries and groups are acknowledged for their service and faith.</p> | <p>Someone who engages the whole parish community not just a select few. Someone who will interact with all ministries and groups to build a solid faith-filled community. Someone who is open to new ideas and embraces all parishioners with acceptance and tolerance.</p> | <p>Give him a grace time to adjust to his new parish. Be patient. Be open. Be nonjudgmental.</p> | <p>There is always a transition period when a new priest arrives - for both priest and parishioners. We need to ensure we welcome him accordingly and give him space to transition to his new parish.</p> |
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| <p>The next pastor should continue the good work of Fr. Kevin and the other leaders in our parish. We have been so blessed to have good leadership in place that allows for everyone to contribute in their own way. One of Fr. Kevin's strengths has been his openness to ideas and allowing all to help in various capacities.</p> | <p>Our next pastor must be, above else, a good communicator. Being able to translate God's word to help the faithful understand how best to live their lives and give them hope is so important. For our younger parishioners, especially, it is vital that the next pastor be able to communicate well so that their hearts can turn to God. Those youth who finish confirmation are at increased risk of not continuing in their journey with the Catholic church due to a lack of structure (ie. catechism classes). Having a priest who is down-to-earth and friendly while professing God's word can inspire young people to continue to attend mass and to be actively involved in their faith.</p> | <p>Ideally the next pastor should have meetings with the various leadership groups in the parish and not make immediate changes as this would be unsettling. The parish, in turn, should provide many opportunities to nurture friendships with the pastor. The parish must respect the new priest's authority and avoid comparisons with Fr. Kevin. The parish must continue to nurture relationships between parishioners through its various activities (eg. Fireproof small groups, etc.).</p> | |
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| <p>See #1. Also, I'd like to see more done within the parish to include and encourage those who may be "on the fringes" of the community, especially the youth and young adults who are the future of our parish.</p> | <p>Fr. Kevin has helped to create a parish that is inclusive and welcoming to all. I'd like to see a pastor who is enthusiastic about maintaining this environment and welcoming people, wherever they are and wherever they are at in their faith journey. I would want our next pastor to be progressive and also down-to-earth and relatable!</p> | <p>Would be great to have various opportunities for the new priest to meet and get to know parishioners (not just those who are heavily involved in volunteering) and vice versa. I would assume that he would also meet with all of the parish groups to hear their success stories and current concerns. Seeing as this transition is happening in the summer, I would perhaps suggest a big welcome BBQ (how about a more relaxing atmosphere, like in a park, rather than the church hall or parking lot...)?</p> | <p>Will be so sad to see Fr. Kevin go!! I feel he has really helped to transform the parish. The new pastor has big shoes to fill!</p> | <p>Thanks for giving me the opportunity to provide feedback.</p> |
| <p>Continue the good work done by Fr. Kevin. Embrace current technology for full inclusion.</p> | <p>Young and vibrant</p> | <p>Have a regular meeting agenda Item specifically for welcoming the new priest. Plan out roles and responsibilities of each party having contact with the new priest. Establish an informal(or formal) welcoming committee strictly for that purpose. Establish consistent messaging, and disseminate to all leadership..</p> | <p>Sad to see Fr. Kevin move away from MMOC. The new priest will have big shoes to fill</p> | |

The next pastor should be able to communicate with his people . We should be able to understand what he's saying . We were at four funeral this year 2019 and we had a hard time to understand the priest because of different nationality . We know that the young generations does not go into priesthood because of different reasons . The next pastor should be well like and also good with the young people . They should be able to reach the young generations .

We are very saddened that when all goes well with the parish you decide that to remove our priest . You know as well that the change will definitely affect the attendance . We have seen it in our parish that we cannot understand the other priest and the people are frustrated and the young people are not attending . We are not racist but if you cannot make out what the priest is trying to communicate you will lose the people . Father Kevin is a very special kind of person well liked and love and we are positive that the attendance will be down . If things are not broken do not fix it . He has the young people coming for mass every Sunday .

Yes it is true that the parish is strong so there is no requirement at this time to renew, we could leave Fr. Kevin as is. Fr. Kevin is a big part of our family and moving him would be a disservice to the parishioners who have come to love him.

We are writing to ask that you please re-consider moving Fr. Kevin to another parish. He is exactly what our parish needs and his personality and pastoral style are unique so we believe that there is nobody else that could ever replace him.

I cannot think of anything specifically to suggest for this question.

We fail to understand the reason for Fr. Kevin's move and we would strongly consider following Fr. Kevin to the parish that he moves to if it really came down to it.

Basically, guiding and assisting what programs are already in place.

I would want the next pastor to be clearly and easily understood from the pulpit and casually. A good priest, in my opinion is open to meeting and chatting with any and all of the parishioners.

Be open and welcoming to the new priest, stopping to greet and talk to him after masses.

we will deeply miss Father Kevin at Mary Mother of the Church this fall. He has done wonders for the church. It will be very difficult to replace him. We strongly hope and pray that Archbishop Legatt will reconsider in keeping Father Kevin at Mary Mother of the Church for several more years to continue his great liturgical work and congregation building. Because of Father Kevin, the youth and lapsed Catholics have greatly increased in the parish. Many, many new immigrants have joined our church and have been warmly received and are contributing to the parish in many ways: especially the youth. In the event that this is not possible, we would like to see a priest who has the same dynamic, open, friendly, and positive personality as Father Kevin. He should have the skills and ability to draw new parishioners and exhibit an open acceptance of all cultures no matter what their religious practice is.

We would hope that the new priest be warmly received and given a chance to follow in the same, positive manner as Father Kevin.

Thanks for giving the parishioners a chance to voice their concerns.

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| <p>To continue to grow our parish, our church community and to encourage tithing so that we are able to hire more part time people rather than continually having to rely only on volunteers.</p> | <p>Welcoming, approachable, kind hearted, homilies that we can relate to and understand, a people person.</p> | <p>Be like Christ and welcome him into our church even though we will be grieving our loss of such a fabulous priest. Expect the transition to take time.</p> | <p>It will be very difficult to fill Father Kevin's role. I have never met a priest like him. My son once said that Father Kevin has so many of the traits that Jesus did. I am saddened and so disappointed that he is leaving. We have not finished rebuilding our church and the transition of a new priest will undoubtedly have an impact on the renewal of our church. Change at the best of times are difficult but having Father Kevin leave is a change that will not be beneficial for our parish.</p> |
| <p>Continue to support Chinese community and do Chinese New Year Mass every year.</p> | <p>Like Fr. Kevin, humorous, friendly, caring, approachable, joy, accepting people from all over the world and good Homily skill.</p> | <p>The parish will have to be willing to let go of the past and work wholeheartedly with the new priest. This will be a necessity on our part if we which this is how to be a successful in the next six years as we were in the last 9 years.</p> | <p>We like Father Kevin very much. Although we are very reluctant to leave him, we understand that this is a church rule. We are very grateful to Fr. Kevin for his great support to our Chinese community and we think it is our luck to get along with him these years. We also wish Fr. Kevin all the best ! Thanks! —Chinese community group</p> |

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| Continue parish renewal initiatives involving the youth and welcoming to all cultures | <p>One who knows how to keep up with the times, open-minded Good liturgies, not boring sermons, but real and can relate to different ages and race Personable, not stiff nor rigid LOVING</p> | Meet all the parish ministries and organizations individually | MMOC is thriving not just surviving not because of one person but because of the collaborative efforts of different people taking heed of God's call | Thanks for making it everyone's business to care |
| To continue, in his own way, the building up and growth of our parish that Fr. Kevin has worked so hard at and successfully in his nine years here. | A priest grounded in faith and love of God and people. A priest with ideas for our parish, but open to ideas from parishioners and parish leaders, | <p>August is such an awkward time to introduce a new pastor. So many of us are on school vacation and away at the lake. So in the middle of September, let's have a parish-wide welcoming party for our new pastor.</p> | One priest in such a large parish is overwhelming. My suggestion is for the pastor to assume spiritual leadership, and the parish council to assume administrative responsibilities. | |
| Continue with our renewal and growth impetus, finish off needed renovations e.g. outside entry at main entrance, work on filling empty leadership positions, and bring his ideas to present to the congregation. | <p>Our pastor needs to be a good listener, needs to give homilies with a message that builds our faith or reminds us what we should be doing, needs to be able to work collaboratively and yet take charge as needed, needs to build a parish without cliques, and also use the talents available in the congregation for any task. That's what we have now at Mary, Mother.</p> | Mary, Mother is a welcoming parish and I can't imagine that we wouldn't welcome our new pastor. | Mary, Mother is a huge parish and the pastor will need to have lots of energy and assistance. | |
| 1. Fr. Kevin has brought about a lot more involvement in parish activity by young people, at Mass and elsewhere. (We really like Jason Cegayle, the youth ministry coordinator, and what he has been doing.) 2. It's really nice to see the cultural diversity of Mary Mother's parishioners, and I hope that will continue to be encouraged. | Welcoming and encouraging to all. | | | |

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| <p>Appreciate our community and how hard many people have worked to create the vibrant parish that we have.</p> | <p>A pastor that has empathy and appeal to people of all backgrounds and age groups, high energy level and open to new ideas! A pastor who's actions speak louder than words. A pastor with a personality like Father Kevin</p> | <p>Be open to the new priest. Ensure the priest has the assistance he needs to make things happen. If he is new to the priesthood seek out other more experienced priests to provide mentorship to him.</p> | <p>Hopefully comments made here will be considered in the selection of a new priest...</p> |
| <p>He should engage with the parishioners in a way that reflects his own style. He should be welcoming and prepared to delegate. He should build and expand on initiatives already established.</p> | <p>This response represents a discussion between Greg Barrett; Erina Barrett; Judy Mackay; Lou Mackay; and Carolyn Berard. Our next Pastor should be joyful, friendly, outgoing with a deep sense of integrity. Be himself. He should attempt to involve all levels of the congregation and build on the current participation by lay people. His preaching and teaching should reflect a down to earth approach reflecting the normal, every day living of the members of the community. He should have a superior command of the English language.</p> | <p>He should be welcomed as a full partner in building up the Kingdom of God at Mary Mother of the Church. This means giving him a chance to work with us in his own way. What we expect of him should also be reflected in our interactions with him.</p> | <p>We believe that he should have a strong spiritual life and that his ministry should be focused on the spiritual life of the parish. It is a strong temptation for any pastor to be over involved in the bureaucratic affairs of the community. The lay people of our community have a great deal of energy and skill and the next pastor needs to be prepared to tap into that resource with openness and humility.</p> |

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| <p>1. Our Parish Council and ministry leaders have plans that need to be carried forward.</p> | <p>First, we would like our new pastor to be a true servant leader. Genuine humility is the dominant chord we value. The pastor we wish to have would be egalitarian, one who recognizes that a parish belongs to God and God's people, not to the pastor. He greatly values the wisdom and talents of women. He asks for advice and listens carefully when it is given. He acts fully in concert with parish leaders in all ministries, never acting autocratically.</p> | | |
| <p>2. Within the Ministry of Proclamation we are working to improve our skills so that the Word comes alive for our assembly when it is proclaimed during Mass. The starting point is our understanding that during Mass, God is equally present through the Presider, the Assembly, the Word and the Eucharist. If God is fully present through the proclaimed Word, this means that proclaimers must prepare really well. We must also constantly work to improve our skills. At the same time, we count on our ushers to shelter the Liturgy of the Word from interruptions as much as practical, which means that those who haven't been able to arrive on time are seated between rather than during readings. We hope our new pastor will deeply value the proclaimed Word and will</p> | <p>A good priest is gentle, has a sense of humor, and sees everything with a breadth of perspective. His homilies are thoughtful, encouraging and brief. His own life is an example that parishioners admire and emulate. He recognizes the enormous gifts and talents among the people, and has the ability to draw those gifts forth so that they grow into positive action. He informs his own vision for the</p> | <p>Mary, Mother of the Church is warm and vibrant community. If our new pastor is anything like described in #1 above, he will be welcomed enthusiastically into our midst.</p> | <p>Out of respect for recommendations from medical authorities, I strongly urge that this meeting be postponed until the threat of the Corona virus is over.</p> |

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| <p>immediate question: each priest brings different gifts and talents. Many times what a new priest brings are not what we expect, or want. Hopefully the next pastor will take his time and get to know the parishioners and our existing programs and activities before embarking on change. We are a welcoming, multi-cultural community, with many active ministries and groups, including thriving youth groups, along with a dynamic pastoral team. We have a long tradition of fiscal prudence and good management from the various Parish Finance Committees. Lots to build on.</p> <p>Possible areas for future focus include creating programs for small groups, and helping them grow in the faith. Adult faith formation remains a challenge. Guiding the parish to respond more fully to the call to service, especially to the parish community, is another challenge. For the size of the parish, our</p> | <p>A youngish pastor who is capable of handling the workload. This parish is too much for a man in his 60's to take on. He should not be required to be the pastor here, and take on additional responsibilities outside the parish.</p> <p>Personal traits and pastoral style: another pastor like Fathers Micheels, Tarnopolsi and Bettens is needed. These are all priests, despite their different styles and traits, who listened, respected and loved their parishioners, and recognized the parish was not their personal fiefdom. All three built on the faith and positives that were already here, and slowly began to introduce changes that directed the parish to grow to an even deeper faith, and stronger sense of community.</p> <p>The parish needs another pastor, not a CEO. A rigid authoritarian, determined from the start to change the parish to meet his particular vision of what a church should be, will likely destroy the parish community built over the</p> | <p>For obvious reasons, there will be a lot of resistance and challenges to whomever is appointed. There is a lot of fear among parishioners, compounded by the current health crisis, and some anger.</p> <p>One concern is a major shift in styles from pastor to dictator. People fear getting a pastor who upends everything in pursuit of his personal vision of what parish should be.</p> <p>Another fear: the possibility of getting a priest from outside Canada, with limited English skills. Getting a priest with poor English, along with no understanding or respect for Canadian culture and values, and a determination to tear down rebuild the parish into a mirror image of the church back home, would be a disaster.</p> <p>The possibility of a learned lack of respect for women, especially those in positions of responsibility, is very concerning. Our parish would be very hard pressed to survive without the</p> | <p>I have belonged to other parishes where the new pastor came in with limited English skills and no understanding of Canadian culture and values. Sometimes it's been a disaster, to be blunt. In other parishes, it has worked out well because the priest was willing and eager to learn, and the parish was willing to respond in kind. Ideally, in this situation, the new pastor would be adequately prepared by the Archdiocese before he walks in the door, Day to day management of the anything but liturgical and pastoral responsibilities should be left to qualified lay persons in the parish,(vetted by the Archdiocese when required) while the priest works on his language skills and develops an understanding and appreciation of how things work in Canada.</p> | <p>Thank you for the opportunity. I pray the Archdiocese will consider all the submissions seriously, and with compassion.</p> |
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| <p>continuation of the ability to increase parishioner participation in volunteerism, priority of completing the renovations that were decided upon but not yet done, To eventually meet with all Ministry Leads either alone or as a group in order to understand how the ministries are managed and are functioning.</p> | <p>Open minded, progressive thinker, compassionate, command of the English language without any strong accent, ability to work well with others-open to suggestions, willingness to accept ideas of others as more valid than his to have the ability to make all feel welcome regardless of their personal choices.</p> | <p>Put aside the anger they currently feel toward Bishop LeGatt and his rigidity regarding extending our current pastor's tenure. Be frank with the new priest about our feelings. Hold a welcoming gathering in the hall as soon as possible after his arrival.</p> | <p>It seems unfair that the parishioners are made to bear the brunt of the Diocesan decision to automatically move priests after a maximum of 9 years. Wonderful priests like Fr. Bettens are few and far between. It should be the role of the diocese to ensure that priests have some if not all of the qualities that Fr. Bettens possesses. To decide that Fr. Bettens should be transferred about the diocese because other parish priests cannot instill the same degree of devotion in their parishioners is wrong. Bishops and seminaries have an onus to serve by producing priests that are able to connect with people. The patriarchal hierarchy of the Catholic Church is antiquated and only serves to alienate Catholics.</p> | <p>I have been a member at MMOC for almost 31 years, and over the years have been active on PPC, Board of Administration, and in Proclamation and Eucharistic Ministries.</p> |
| <p>Make everyone feel welcome and explore ways to get more of the parishioners involved in programs/groups, etc.</p> | <p>Very outgoing, able to convert any messages into a modern day situation and stay positive.</p> | <p>Host a welcome night where he can meet everyone and tell us a bit about himself and we can all have fellowship.</p> | | |
| <p>We would need someone understands children and is willing to take the time with them. There are many and varied groups and organizations in our parish. These take a lot of energy to continue and support them.</p> | <p>A very welcoming person with a lot of energy. A good sense of humour would be an asset also. Willing to take part in parish activities. Someone with good English and easy of understand.</p> | <p>We are ready to work with him.</p> | | |
| <p>Continue the work that Father Kevin has done.</p> | <p>Someone like Father Kevin Bettens.</p> | <p>Have a meet and greet.</p> | <p>We must continue to keep our parishioners engaged, especially the young people.</p> | <p>Your welcome!</p> |

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| <p>1. Schedule several meetings with the parish (assembly) - main agenda: getting to know, expectations, his plans etc.</p> <p>2. Continue current initiatives and then make slow changes for improvement after a few months and not right away.</p> <p>3. Engage with the parishioners regularly first especially if there are changes to be made.</p> | <p>Approachable, eloquent (saying a homily that looks spontaneous, not reading from a script, with props, including jokes, real life examples that can be understood by all ages especially the young children, role playing, skits, exciting homilies, meaning of Greek/Latin words the relate to the the gospel, etc.), be a present day priest (not old school) to entice the youth and children to come to mass, listens to the ideas of the lay people/parish community, macro manager, outgoing, collaborative esp if there are new initiatives to be made, can sing a tune.</p> | <p>- Transparency/Regular communication - About the new priest so that the whole parish will know about him even before he starts as the new parish priest.</p> <p>- Participate in the new initiatives led by the priest (being supportive)</p> | <p>There should be a transition/turnover period between Fr Kevin and the new priest. And this process should always whenever there are changes in leadership.</p> |
| <p>able to reach and connect with young people so as to not lose them from our parish able to delegate yet able to lead</p> | <p>kind-good listener-understanding of the dynamic of the parish</p> | <p>info of the many ministries in place and how they operate generally offer introductions and explain the intricate blend of the multi culture of the parish</p> | <p>we pray lessons were learned from the fiasco at st tims which went from a thriving robust parish to a fractured shell many people left to go to other churches however left and no longer attend church this was all avoidable</p> |
| <p>To continue and grow the existing programs that are at Mary Mother</p> | <p>To be able to relate to the diverse age and racial makeup of the growing community. He should be able to effectively communicate with the parishioners He should look at what the parishioners are doing at Mary Mother and consider carefully before making changes.</p> | <p>Support the new Pastor in the same way we have supported Father Kevin regardless of who is appointed.</p> | |

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| <p>To continue to maintain the programs in existence presently. To continue supporting the youth programs and to listen to the needs of the community to implement them accordingly and with the support of the committees.</p> | <p>A joyful, charismatic, welcoming, compassionate, dynamic priest,</p> | <p>Understanding that our priests are human beings that will always need our support. To give to him the same respect, welcome and support as we have done it to Father Kevin. To pray for him as well as for Father Kevin in his next journey with the Lord. We will miss him, his honesty, smile, gentleness, courtesy and his beautiful voice too.</p> | <p>I would like to wish to Father Kevin a very blessed journey with the Lord and the new community where he will be. I appreciate very much all the wonderful work he has done at MMC. May he continues serving the Lord guided by the Holy Spirit, with the same joyful, free spirit and commitment to the Lord and his people. May the new priest will feel welcomed and supported by the parishioners and we, the parishioners welcome him too.</p> | <p>You are very welcome. May God bless our Bishops, priests and Churches.</p> |
| <p>be a teacher, have good people skills getting to know parishioners, don't make sweeping changes before understanding parish culture, keep a broad perspective and do not micro-manage where there are capable volunteers. MMOC is becoming a church of Community, welcoming others, and teaching parishioners to be Christ-in-Action. I pray this continues.</p> | <p>One who teaches and manages by the Spirit of Love rather than the letter of the law. One who understands the value of human talents and resources at MMOC and enables them to flourish. One who understands the variety of cultures at MMOC and keeps an open mind and open door. Thinking globally and acting locally.</p> | <p>Leadership styles similar to Pope Francis, Bishop LeGatt, Bishop Barron, Father Kevin Parishioners could wear their name tags for the first month when new priest arrives. They can also: 1. learn the true meaning of the gospel and how it applies in our culture today 2. be a Christian of action according to your gifts 3. Evangelize, pray,</p> | <p>I feel an old western attitude of "here is the box, and everyone must fit in the box" or "Sunday attendance is good enough" would crush any spiritual progress MMOC has made in the past 9 years. Thank you for hearing us!!</p> | <p>I won't attend tonight's meeting due to the pandemic and baking for the homeless.</p> |
| <p>Foster spiritual growth in all possible ways! A greater emphasis on the Holy Mass is needed and for reverence too. Many have a limited understanding of its significance. As well, a focus on the sacrament of reconciliation. In addition, we would like to continue with some of the programs that strengthen the faith and good of greater numbers.</p> | <p>Due to the population of our church, a younger, priest with leadership and communication skills in English, who can be understood. Someone who listens, but is also is decisive in chuchy matters. Of course, he should be compassionate and understanding. Another important trait is being inviting to women, ie not putting up barriers to their participation or inclusion in the church.</p> | <p>Being supportive in the transition stage especially clarity to hear what's on his mind, while sharing what is important t to us. Cooperation and openness.</p> | <p>I am sorry that Fr Kevin is leaving. I believe that if he remained with us longer, we may have been able to accomplish what he had begun to more completion under his leadership. I wish his term could be extended! Change is gradual. I hope that the new priest doesn't want to change the physical space right away.</p> | |

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| <p>Maintain the same kind of programs, volunteer services,choirs etc. He should also be able to work with the Knights of Columbus and the CWL</p> | <p>A priest that is similar to Father Kevin, he has such a great way with the youth and they want to,come to church He makes everyone feel welcome at mass.</p> | <p>Be friendly and helpful in his transition.</p> | <p>We feel with the loss of Father Kevin the membership will definitely declined, as members will follow him. We would hate to see our church,adult and youth programs falter and our volunteers to decline. We have such a great parish with Father Kevin, why would a change be necessary.</p> | <p>Our parish is blessed ! Mother Mary and her son will ensure future success ‘</p> |
| <p>I like supprises so like Father Kevin let the Holy Spirit guide the new pastor</p> | <p>Let Jesus make this decision for me</p> | <p>We are a faith community any new pastor chosen by the Holy Spirit will be welcomed</p> | <p>“ Change is a journey not a destination “ Just look at how our parish has become A multi culture parish under our shepherd Kevin !...let’s be guided by the Holy Spirit for future changes !</p> | <p>Our parish is blessed ! Mother Mary and her son will ensure future success ‘</p> |

The past several weeks and for an indefinite period of time to come, our world has been thrown into a state of fear, uncertainty and anxiety, leaving many with a feeling of lack of control. At the same time our parish community has been told that our pastor is being moved on August 1st. I am aware that a 9 year term is maximum for a pastor, but in light of all that is happening around us, please consider extending the term for Father Kevin and perhaps for all priests in the diocese for one more year. This would help to lessen one of the anxieties we are feeling right now and give our parish and other parishes time to adjust and prepare for a new pastor if that is to happen.

Continue with the excellent work of Fr. Kevin

A well composed, calm, friendly, team player and accessible priest

According him all necessary support

Consider retaining Fr. Kevin at MMOC

Thanks

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| <p>I believe Father Kevin have already done a great job at Mary Mother of the Church. I believe the next priest you chose will also do an excellent job as well.</p> | <p>As a foreigner, I wish I could have a new priest who could speak Standard English (or with North America Accent or local priest). I do not mean to discriminate against anyone. I just want to understand mass and communicate easier. Sometimes, a part of people from different countries having different accents is sometimes hard for certain people to understand including my own. On behalf of everyone from all different countries, I believe I should inform this important trait into your consideration.</p> | <p>I believe we could have a welcoming party in the kitchen to welcome our new priest! If he arrives, I personally will bring cake and juice for his coming. For the parish, I believe they will have their own welcoming plan and I will support their work.</p> | <p>None.</p> | <p>Thank you, Archbishop LeGatt, for keeping MMOC alive and spreading God's words internationally. I truly appreciated your attention. Again, I just want you to know about this and I am not a bad or selfish person. Thank you so much.</p> |
| <p>Find the delicate balance of infusing new ideas in with and keeping what works within the parish. I'm sure that there will be a lot of trial and error within the parish after the next priest comes and I hope that any changes are introduced in a positive way with a lot of enthusiasm.</p> | <p>Someone who is a great orator, kind, compassionate, even tempered but also strict when needed. Someone who can stand up to other "Parish groups" when need be. Someone who isn't a pushover.</p> | <p>Well, I think that the PPC and PFC can make a real effort to welcome the new priest with open arms and to make sure that comparisons between the new priest and Father Kevin are not made. Also, I think that these committees should themselves show an open mind when listening to the priest when he has new ideas that he wants to share. I think that the committees should lead the rest of the parish by example and really want to listen and engage with the new priest and try to incorporate different suggestions the priest might have into their committee duties.</p> | <p>While I'm definitely ready to welcome the new priest and give him the benefit of the doubt, I've already heard about people who are going to leave the parish and not come back to church based on Father Kevin's reassignment. I've also heard that people are going to follow Father Kevin to his new parish. I'm a little saddened to think that my fellow parishioners have already made up their minds without even meeting with the new priest. I pray that our congregation won't diminish based on the fact that Father Kevin has been reassigned and the change with the new priest can go as smoothly as humanly possible.</p> | <p>You're welcome.</p> |

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| <p>Not destroy and undo all of the hard work Father Kevin made in order to make the parish "his". We need a priest with NO EGO.</p> | <p>Someone like Father Kevin. Young and hip to the needs of the younger parishioners. Father Kevin is successful because he is not steeped in the "old ways", but understands the world we live in NOW.</p> | <p>Maybe reconsider your practices of moving priests. Why fix what isn't broken??? Father Kevin resuscitated this church. Now he has to leave it all behind just to go fix another? Makes no sense. You will have a rough go no matter what you do, as there are very upset Parishioners who do not want to lose Father Kevin and will likely follow him wherever he goes.</p> | <p>Stop trying to fix what isn't broken. Rules aren't always in favour of what is best for a parish. Just a reminder - Jesus never served pre determined terms. God's will has no limits, unlike your man made rules!</p> | <p>Please let the Parish know where Father Kevin is going. It is not right to keep that information from us.</p> |
| <p>Our parish has experienced incredible growth. The most important thing is to continue along the path we are on.</p> | <p>The same personality traits as our current pastor. Friendly, approachable, modern, understandable, sense of humor, all welcoming.</p> | <p>I would hope that all parishioners will work towards a warm welcome of the new priest even though I believe many of us feel that the current term could be extended.</p> | <p>I don't understand why the need to move Father Kevin given fact that both Father Michaels and Father Carl were both at Mary Mother for longer periods of time. Why do we want to make a change when our Parish is doing so well? It's a shame that we go back on policy only at selective times. Why is this? I strongly recommend that we keep Father Kevin for an additional term.</p> | <p>You are welcome.</p> |

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| | | | <p>Please do NOT move father Kevin! There is no valid reason for this move. We have numerous examples of parishes who have had the same priest for longer than 9 years!!!</p> <p>Please exercise common sense. Don't make this decision based on rules or guidelines. Listen to the parishioners as they are what keeps the church alive.</p> <p>We hear how the catholic numbers are diminishing and the church has to adapt and improve. Here's your opportunity. Stop applying your old ways and methods.</p> <p>Keep father Kevin at MMOC or be prepared to lose parishioners!</p> |
| We want father Kevin!!! | We want father Kevin!!! | Keep father Kevin!!! | |
| Continue to grow membership and fundraising. | Young, personable, dynamic leader, compassionate, educated, good sense of humor, somebody just like Father Kevin! | | |
| To keep being involved as our connection with God | Vibrant, younger priest with a good grasp of the English language | We can all be open to the person we get and to give him support | <p>I have a question...why was our Lord's Prayer changed in French and not English. I would love to see that happen</p> <p>Pleasure</p> |
| Much like Father Kevin has done. Keep the parishioners engaged in the services as a result of his passion | Identical to Father Kevin | | <p>If pastors are given a 6 year term plus a possible 3 year extension why does this not apply to the bishop? Based on your justifications, the exact same should apply</p> |