

## PEI Committee Parish Final Report

**Parish: St. Joseph Shrine, Brooklyn**

**Region: Lenawee/Hillsdale**

**Date: August 30, 2007**

**Parish # 428**

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### Part I: Parish Considerations

**A. Completion of PEI:**  yes     no     some omissions

**B. Collaboration process: primarily representative of:**

all facets of parish life

parish council, parish commissions, parish staff

parish staff

**C. Sacramental life of the parish:**

**Parish Celebrates Full Spectrum of Sacramental Life of Church? YES, includes**

- Weekday Mass offered Monday through Wednesday and Friday
- Devotions include: First Friday Adoration, May Devotions, Lenten Stations, Rosary before/after Mass, Women's Prayer Group, First Friday Rosary
- Outreach to ethnic communities including Chaldeans and sister parish in Uganda
- Couples involved in marriage preparation
- Good number of adults in liturgical ministries
- Strong sense of community
- Baptismal program includes follow-up letters

**D. Parish history and location: (need for abiding presence and ministry)**

**Parish Affirmed Need for Abiding Presence? YES**

**Ministry Responsibilities being adequately met? YES, includes**

- Collaborates with other parishes in region
- Opportunities for adult continuing formation
- Supports a community food pantry
- Quarterly newsletter; available in Braille
- Youth service and social activities
- Support for vocations and lay ministry program

**E. Stewardship:**

**Parish Exercise Good Stewardship of Resources? YES, includes**

- Tithes 10% of Sunday collections to charity
- Facilities in good condition
- Active commissions and committees
- Capital improvement plan

**F. Parish Profile (summary):**

**Sacramentality**

- Organized sacramental programs
- Opportunities for adult and ministry formation
- Large number of varied parish groups

**Discipleship**

- Many varied programs for faith formation, especially for adults
- Positive programs and efforts to reach out to homebound and elderly
- Strongly supportive of social services

**Sustainability**

- Parish facilities in good condition and well-maintained
- Parish finances in good order
- Strong stewardship program

**G. Recommendations/Observations from PEI:****Cited by Parish with support data:**

- Continue focus on evangelization
- Examine opportunities to improve facilities to accommodate disabled
- Parish is on the state and national historic registers

**From the Review Committee:**

- Encourage youth and young adult involvement in liturgical and parish ministries
- Assess need for maintenance person

**H. Continuation of the parish:**

as canonically established  
 as a personal parish; reasons

**I. Support needed from neighboring parishes if no longer able to be a “stand alone” parish: NA****J. Commendations from the Review Committee:**

- Strong sense of community and family in parish and area community
- Variety of adult formation opportunities
- Active lay ministers
- Many opportunities for devotion
- Recognition of parishioners on birthdays and anniversaries
- Active outreach to community through tithing
- Outreach to ethnic communities, i.e. Chaldeans and sister parish in Uganda
- Follow-up with parents after baby’s baptism (letter sent two times per year until child is 3 years)
- Low staff turnover
- Budget for staff development
- Active committees working together
- Active Knights of Columbus
- Large number of future plans