

St. John XXIII at St. Nicolas de Flue
Parish Administrative Council
Vicariate Liaison Report for 2020

Name: Camille Roney
Position: Vicariate Liaison

Description of function:

- Facilitate communications with the Vicariate in Geneva (Eglise Catholique de Genève – ECG), especially with Pascal Desthieux (Episcopal Vicar), Michel Colin (Chancellor), and Dominique Pittet (General Secretary), on an as needed basis.
- Facilitate communications with the diocesan offices in Fribourg and with Mgr Charles Morerod, as needed.

Accomplishments in 2020:

- Until mid-March 2020, the parish conformed to the Diocesan schedule of Sunday collections and contributed to several different Catholic Church organizations. In the face of the sharply declining financial donations and the longer term uncertainty behind the COVID-19 pandemic, the parish has refrained from making the usual Sunday collection contributions until our revenues gained more stability. We expect to discuss our return to the Diocesan collections schedule in the fall 2021.
- In 2020, in spite of our fragile financial situation, we were able to make repayment progress on both our Vicariate and Mission Interior loans (Note 3 – Loans Payable). The Vicariate has been especially flexible in the repayment of the capital of their loan.
- In 2020, we renewed our loan agreement with the Vicariate and were able to obtain an interest rate reduction from 2% to 1.5% for the next three years (2021 – 2023).
- Managing our operations in 2020 has been challenging and uncertain, and we continued to receive positive and helpful support from the Diocese and the Vicariate staff on a range of practical pandemic-related issues.
- Due to the current financial implications of our renovation project, we continue to be freed from the obligation to make further financial contributions to the diocese.

Targets for 2021/22

- Continue the contributions holiday for the Vicariate (annual).
- Manage the loan repayment with the Vicariate and the Mission Interior in line with our financial situation post Covid-19 impact
- Continue to build relationship and communication with the Vicariate team and the larger diocese.