

Agenda 09 15 18
AOD Diaconate Community Board

Call to Order 8:00 am
Morning Prayer – bring your Breviary, phone or tablet
Role Call
Approval of Minutes for May 19, 2018
First order of Business

Report from Office of Clergy and Consecrated Life - Kevin

Old Business:

- USCCB formation certification – final report/update
- Mosaic morning of reflection – March 24, 2018 /final report
- Mini-Convocation
 - Saturday, September 29 – 8 am to 1 pm
 - Fr Bill Promesso – speaking on preaching-
- Convocation - Boyne Mountain – October 17-20, 2019
- Report from the New deacon welcoming meeting/event
- Assignments Board and assignment letters/final report
- Diaconal Vocation Sub-Committee
- Report from the Annual Men's Retreat
- Chaplain opportunities with the Detroit Fire Department
- Diaconate Community Grief Support Meeting
- The 2018 Diaconate Jubilarians

New Business / Open Forum Discussion

Next Meeting: November 10, 2018
Meeting Adjournment

AOD Diaconate Community Board
Meeting Minutes September 15, 2018

Meeting Called to order 8:01 am, began with morning prayer, led by Marc Rybinski

Attendees: Kevin Breen, Stan Avery, Jim Berch, Carol Berch, Bob Gajda, Dennis Loffreda, Brigid Loffreda, Tim Maxwell, Russ Ortisi, Trisha Ortisi, Skip Rogers, Marc Rybinski, Suzanna Rybinski.

Russ Ortisi noted that the final item on the published minutes included the next meeting as July 21, which was cancelled. Next meeting should have been noted as September 15, 2018. Russ motioned that corrected minutes be accepted and Marc Rybinski seconded.

Report from Office of Clergy and Consecrated Life

USCCB visit wrap up – No updates, will not be on future agendas, unless necessary.

Assignment Board – There were a few tweaks and changes after July 1, most remained as originally recommended.

Chaplains for Detroit Fire Department – Department is looking for Chaplains to spiritually care for the Catholic members, who comprise 60 to 70% of the department. Kevin has forwarded those men who responded the call to Fire Department, who will take over the process from there.

Community Response to latest Sexual Abuse Crisis – How do we as a Diaconate community respond to our parishioners' questions or others who are thinking of leaving the Catholic church over the abuse of power?

We must always focus on Christ

Encourage laity to write their concerns to their pastors and or bishops

There are several links and phone numbers on the AOD website to report abuse, either to the Archdiocese or Michigan Department of Health & Human Services. Archdiocese has had in place procedures to be followed in cases of sexual abuse reports, all of which are turned over to civil authorities.

What we can do is ask Fr. Promesso to include this topic at the Mini Convocation on September 29, with an eye to a future meeting that will help formalize some best practices. Russ and Trisha Ortisi will organize bullet points and possible dates for a follow-up this fall. Also suggested that the follow-up meeting begin with a Holy Hour to bring everyone into the proper mindset for this discussion.

New Deacon Welcome Event – Dennis Loffreda will compile the comments and distribute them to the community board.

Sub Committee on Vocations – nothing to report at this time.

Diaconate Grief Support Meeting – Saturday, October 20, 2018 at SHMS. Flyers have been sent via email. If anyone has trouble following registration link, please let Erin know. Bob Gadja also noted that part of the presentation included Catholic cemeteries.

Jubilarians – Mass and dinner is Sunday, October 28, 2018. There is a 100th Birthday celebration for Deacon Lawrence Girard on Sunday, November 11 at St, Sebastian in Dearborn Heights at 10 am Mass, reception to follow in activity center.

We ended remembering : Stephanie (Suzanna and Marc's daughter), Michael (Carol and Jim Berch's son), Bill and Rita Schmidt and family, all the victims of Florence, Stan Avery's sister and daughter-in-law who recently passed, church leadership – opening minds and softening hearts.

Future community board meeting dates are: Nov 17, Jan 19, 2019, Mar 16, 2019

Meeting adjourned at 9:18 am.

Next meeting
Saturday November 17, 2018 at 8:00 am at SHMS