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AOD Diaconate Community Board

Call to Order 8:00 am  
Morning Prayer – bring your Breviary, phone or tablet  
Role Call  
Approval of Minutes for September 15, 2018  
First order of Business

Report from Office of Clergy and Consecrated Life - Kevin

Old Business:

- Mini-Convocation (update and close)
  - Saturday, September 29 – 8 am to 1 pm
  - Fr Bill Promesso – speaking on preaching-
- Convocation - Boyne Mountain – October 17-20, 2019 (updates)
- Diaconal Vocation Sub-Committee (update)
- Chaplain opportunities with the Detroit Fire Department (update and close)
- Diaconate Community Grief Support Meeting (update and close)
- The 2018 Diaconate Jubilarians (update and close)

New Business / Open Forum Discussion

- Establish a date and create a program for a Deacon day of prayer and reflection to examine the sexual abuse crisis in the Church.
- Archdiocese supported “Parish day of Renewal” (Website Registration)
- Diaconate Memorial Mass, November 29th
- Women of the Diaconate Retreat, December 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Establish a date and create a program for the New deacon welcoming meeting/event
- Need in establishing a Diaconate Community Grief Support group
- Anything for the good of our community

Next Meeting: January 12, 2018

Meeting Adjournment

AOD Diaconate Community Board  
Meeting Minutes November 17, 2018

Meeting Called to order 8:04 am, began with morning prayer, led by Marc Rybinski

Attendees: Kevin Breen via phone, Stan Avery, Jim Berch, Carol Berch, Bob Gajda, Dennis Loffreda, Brigid Loffreda, Marc Rybinski.

Marc approved minutes, Jim seconded.

Old Business:

Convocation – Boyne Mountain – First planning meeting moved to 12/2/18, Kevin to do onsite visit later today. Everything should be similar to Highlands. Committee includes three couples with prior experience as well as four new members. All speakers are scheduled, checking to verify save the dates are out? Also, letter sent to pastors to include additional funds for upcoming year to cover cost of convocation.

Mini Convocation – Fr. Promesso presented, attended by about 60. Some good comments, one complaint that some of the ideas may have been heretical? Fr. Promesso did address recent church situation which was well received.

Diaconate Grief Support Meeting – Saturday, October 20, 2018 at SHMS. Good sharing experience, heard stories from different points of view. This will be returning in the spring of 2019. Will need to provide list of AOD cemeteries to Deacons. Also need to confirm liturgical color for funerals.

Jubilarians – Mass and dinner Sunday, October 28, 2018. Carol Berch noted there were about 200 in attendance, very few cancellations and the homily was “awesome!” Carol also suggested that there be more stations for name tags as there was a bottleneck five to ten minutes prior to Mass.

New Business / Open Forum Discussion:

Day of Reflection at Cathedral – Need date in late January or February, speakers and table questions. Dennis to call and for available dates.

Parish Day of Renewal – 1000 attended, discussions on how parish is to do outreach, how implement and bold parish will be, electronic power point of Archbishop’s homily to be available.

Women of the Diaconate Retreat – December 1<sup>st</sup>. Erin is handling and has committed to handling until Women’s group can be revitalized. Trish Ortisi has all of the Mosaic files.

Greet and Meet with first and second year Deacons. Brigid to call Erin after first of year to confirm dates. Will pull table questionnaires that Glen had created for last year’s event.

Marc brought up that Christian Service would like our database of members, it was noted that a posting on our website would work. Is there a way to make a closed group on facebook?

Brief discussion of issues in Blue Water area. Funeral Homes are having issues getting Deacons or Priests for services. Concerns about not receiving a "just" stipend. Others noted that there is a difference between parishioners and funeral home needs. May warrant further ongoing discussion.

We ended with prayer.

Future community board meeting dates are: Mar 16, May 18, July 20, 2019

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 am.

Next meeting

Saturday March 16, 2019 at 8:00 am at SHMS