

**Regular Meeting  
AOD Community Board  
Meeting Minutes, Date May 21, 2022  
Sacred Heart Major Seminary**

**Meeting called to order:** 8:06 a.m.

**Morning prayer:** Liturgy of the Hours lead by Deacon Bob Gajda

**Roll call:**

**Present**

Deacon Hector and Roci Anaya  
Deacon Chris and Sharon Beltowski  
Deacon Regis Buckley  
Deacon John and Sue Fitzmaurice  
Deacon Dave and Kelly Fleming  
Deacon Bob Gajda  
Deacon Alan Gwozdz  
Deacon Rick and Anna Rhein  
Deacon Russ Ortisi  
Deacon Aaron and Julie Poyer

**Absent**

Ann Buckley  
Christine Calleja  
Trish Ortisi

**Approval of minutes from March 19, 2022:** Deacon Dave Fleming moved to approve minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Deacon Regis Buckley.

**First Order of Business:**

Report from the Office of Clergy and Consecrated Life-Deacon Chris Beltowski

Assignment letters change

Deacons will be assigned to an **individual parish** under the guidance of the priest in solidum primarily responsible for that parish. Due deference will be given to the other parishes and priests in solidum within the family of parishes.

Deacons in Wave Two will be receiving assignment letters reflecting this change soon. Deacons from Wave One will receive the “new” assignment letter when it is time to renew their commitment.

Diaconate applications

The process is moving forward as planned. Acceptance letters will be mailed soon.

Upcoming events

Formation Retreat, Capuchin Retreat House, Washington Township, July 29-31

Vocation Awareness, SHMS, June 8, 7:00pm

Men's Fellowship, Buddy's Pizza, Farm. Hills, May 22

Vocations Holy Hour, Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, 10:00 am June 4 - Deacons not vesting  
All invited to support vocations

Eucharistic Procession of the Feast of Corpus Christi, Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament to SHMS, June 19, Mass at 1:00 pm with procession following. Deacons needed to assist with procession and carrying Our Lord during the procession

Men's Retreat, Companions of Christ the Lamb, Paradise, August 19-21

Prayer requests announced

Reminder to look for areas of need in the community newsletter  
Prison and jail ministry volunteers needed

**Old Business:**

Upcoming events

Diaconate Men's Fellowship Night- May 22, 2022 at 5:00 pm, Buddy's Pizza, Farmington Hills

Diaconate Mini Convocation- September 17, 2022, Sacred Heart Major Seminary

Diaconate Ordination- October 1, 2022, Blessed Sacrament Cathedral

Diaconate Jubilee- October 30, 2022, Sacred Heart Major Seminary

Diaconate Convocation- September 21-24, 2023, Boyne Mountain

Convocation speaker

Discussion of and vote between Fr. John Riccardo with ACTSXXIX and Deacon Harold Sivers resulting in Fr. John Riccardo with ACTSXXIX prevailing thirteen to three

Suggestion to arrange for a Holy hour to pray for guidance regarding any needs/requests for Fr. John Riccardo to address during convocation

Announcement to be made at mini-convocation to solicit prayerful input

Directory

Deacon Perry and Mary Clark gathering pics and updated info

Deacon Chris to send notice regarding need for updated info and pics

Update on progress to be announced during July meeting

Goal to have completed by mini convocation

Handbook for Permanent Deacons

Status update

Deacon Dave and Kelly Fleming, Deacon Rick and Anna Rhein,  
Deacon John and Sue Fitzmaurice, Deacon Russ and Trisha Ortisi  
to assist in reviewing  
Proposed revisions to be presented at July meeting

**New Business:**

Pray on what/how our Diaconate community can assist the AOD during year of  
National Eucharistic Revival  
Visit [eucharisticrevival.org](http://eucharisticrevival.org) for information throughout year

Several ideas proposed

Community to pray on this and bring ideas to July's meeting

For the Good of the Community

Deacon Regis Buckley spoke of discounts offered to deacons and their  
spouse at the catholic cemeteries  
Guidance on funerals for deacons is provided in the Deacon  
Handbook

Deacon needed to assist during Pentecost at the Cathedral of the Most  
Blessed Sacrament on June 4 at 7:00 pm and June 5 at 11:00 am

**Next meeting:** July 16 at Sacred Heart Major Seminary

**Meeting ended in prayer:** 9:22 am

Deacon Russ Ortisi moved to end the meeting; motion seconded by Deacon  
Aaron Poyer