

Agenda 02 06 16
AOD Diaconate Community Board

Call to Order 8:00 am –

Morning Prayer – bring you Breviary, phone or tablet

Role Call

Approval of Minutes for December 12, 2015

Report from Office of Clergy and Consecrated Life - Kevin

Old Business:

- Couples Retreat, Women's reflection, Men's Retreat, Convocation 2017
- Post Ordination Manual – completed
- Fifty Year Anniversary of restoration of the Permanent Diaconate
- Round Table discussion questions
- Memorial markers - incription
- AOD Evangelization Synod Representatives

Northeast:
William Jamieson
Dennis Crimmins
Dominick Pastore

Northwest:
John Schulte
Steven Mitchell
Oscar Browne

Central:
Paul Mueller
Hubert Sanders
Paul Stevens

South:
Glenn Melenyk
Michael Hammond
Peter Cornell

New Business

2016 Mini Convocation

Open Forum Discussion

Assignments

Meeting Adjournment

AOD Diaconate Community Board
Meeting Minutes February 6, 2016

Meeting called to order 8:00 am

Morning Prayer opened the meeting

Attendees: Bridget Loffreda, Dennis Loffreda, John Manera, John Ball, Tim Maxwell, Tom Mohan, Sharon Melenyk, Glenn Melenyk, Kevin Breen (via phone)

Minutes of the meeting December 12, 2015 - approved

Report from Office of Clergy and Consecrated Life – Kevin Breen

- There are 8 applicants with 3 re-applicants for the diaconate aspirancy class of 2016 – interview process should be completed by Wednesday February 10th
- Assignments for current deacons
 - 24/25 parishes are requesting deacons
 - most deacons will stay in current assignment – limited pool to fill requests

Old Business

- The Women's Day of Reflection
 - Speaker has been change to Theres Herbeck, the spouse of Peter Herbeck due to personal conflict for Teresa Cirner
 - It is scheduled for March 19, 2016, from 10 am to 1 pm with lunch scheduled at noon.
 - Location is at the Seminary with the room to be determined
 - There is no charge to attend but a free will offering collection will be taken
- Couple Retreat has 10 couple schedule to participate – Fr Babcock is the presenter
- Men's Retreat – Fr. Bob Johnson from St Andrew's in Rochester will be the presenter
- Consideration for moving retreat location next year – possibly St Paul's in Redford
- Convocation 2017
 - More with coordination with the priests
 - Possible "in-service" forum emphasizing practical daily parish/liturgical duties on Thursday and/or Friday
- Post-ordination manual
 - Complete - thanks to John Manera and Francis King for their effort
 - Will be submitted to office of clergy life for review/stamp of approval
 - Will be sent to board members 2 weeks prior to general distribution
 - General distribute with be via PDF file over the internet
- Fifty Years of restoration of Permanent Diaconate 2017
 - Still undecided – next meeting board should bring ideas and be prepared to discuss
- Round Table discussion questions planned for the convocation last September are still slated to go out to the community at large. The intent is to gather information about how *we serve in our ministry*. On back burner but not forgotten

- Memorial marker at Holy Sepulchre
 - No inscription as of yet – ideas welcomed from the entire community
 - Suggestion to have a prayer service in the spring/summer inviting the community for an official dedication
 - Possibly have Michigan Catholic press coverage

- Evangelization Synod 2016
 - Nominees who have been recommended by the deacon community at large have accepted and been accepted to participate
 - Nominees include

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 - The diocese is planning some formation sessions particularly directed at the lay Suggestion made the diaconate representatives meet beforehand for pre-planning
 - Bill Kolarik from the office of Parish Life is willing to meet with the community board to discuss the diaconate role and involvement as we get closer to the event that we field concerns and comments from our community at large
 - Other AOD reps or active parties should also be invited

New Business

Mini Convocation – still need a date and topics

Open forum

- ID Card – what is the status
 - Kevin to check – not a high priority for the office of clergy life
 - There were cards given in the past which were originally produced at the seminary but no longer an option
 - John Manera offered to submit a design
 - Kevin to discuss with the office
- Possibility of assigning a deacon to the Cathedral
 - last one assigned was John Ball
 - Would be available for weekend Mass as well as special events – needing at least on deacon
 - Too often notice goes out late needing a deacon and due to prior scheduling no deacon is available
 - Kevin suggests that the parishes have a greater need
 - Central office at this time feel that the volunteer system is adequate with the help of transitional deacon
 - Possibly an active senior deacon – would not have daily “parish-like” duties
 - Might even help with recruiting and scheduling additional deacons as needed
 - Need to have list of events published well in advance (6 months to 1 year)

- This is a open discussion issue – further exploration needed
- Assignment letters and notifications
 - Dennis Loffreda expressed concern about confirmation of assignment whether new or renewal are not adequately communicated, especially when one moves or changes assignment
 - New and changed assignment should at least be published in the clergy news letter – on order of what is done for the priests
 - Would give a better feel for deacons and priests alike who is where
 - Board agrees better communication is needed

Next meeting: Saturday April 16, 2016 at SHMS at 8 am

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