

Agenda 09 15 17
AOD Diaconate Community Board

Call to Order 8:00 am – Note meeting takes place at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

Morning Prayer – bring your Breviary, phone or tablet

Role Call

Approval of Minutes for July 17, 2017

Report from Office of Clergy and Consecrated Life - Kevin

Old Business:

- USCCB formation certification - update
- Convocation report
 - Role of Community Board
- Update on the prior discussion about receiving the Eucharist multiple times per day
- Mosaic Day of Reflection – December 2, 2017
- In Service Day for deacons
- Assignments

New Business

Open Forum Discussion

Next Meeting: November 18, 2017

Meeting Adjournment

AOD Diaconate Community Board
Meeting Minutes September 16, 2017

Meeting Called to order 8:00 am

Attendees: Kevin Breen, Dennis and Brigid Loffreda, Tim and Martha Maxwell, Skip Rogers, Stan and Ramona Avery, Glenn and Sharon Melenyk

Minutes from meeting of July 17, 2017 – accepted

Report from Office of Clergy and Consecrated Life – Kevin Breen

- Busy in central office with an intensive chain of events happening in the diaconate community through November 18
- Convocation Sept 28 – Oct 1 is entering the final planning stages (old business)
- USCCB visit – October 11 -14 (old business)
- Diaconate ordination – Oct 21
- Diaconate jubilee dinner – Oct 29
- Fr Solanas Casey beatification - Nov 18

Old business

- Convocation
 - As of the our meeting date there were 106 registrants for the fall convocation
 - A tentative schedule was distributed at the meeting
 - Highlights
 - Archbishop open talk Thursday evening
 - Fr. Spezia and Dcn Bill Kolarik will speak to us during the Friday morning sessions
 - Deacon Raph Poyo will begin Friday evening and wrap up on Sunday with a morning session
 - Liturgy everyday including – Mass, morning and evening prayer and Benediction one evening
 - Free/personal time Friday and Saturday after lunch
 - Celebrants
 - Fr Van Assche will be on hand for confession on Thursday and Friday
 - Fr Spezia will be on hand for all of the liturgies Friday (Fr Van Assche concelebrate), Saturday and Sunday
 - Facilities
 - Rooms for all the deacons in the north part of the building
 - All sessions and meals in the general meeting are in conference center

- Check in will be in the main lobby
 - Kevin requested that those community board members who will be in attendance help
 - Check-in/help attendees at the north tower find their rooms
 - Be available to man a community board meet and greet table one hour (4:30 pm - 5:30 pm) before the dinners on Friday and Saturday to distribute the “Post-Ordination Diaconate Guide” and answers questions
- USCCB Visit
 - The visit is scheduled for Oct 11-14 (Thursday – Saturday)
 - Review committee want to have focus sessions with persons from the various areas of the diaconate community
 - The community board will be interviewed on Friday Oct 13 sometime after 3 pm
 - The committee will stay at the seminary with all interview there except they will meet Saturday at St Fabian which is the site of the Formation Day – Fr Hogan will host
- Memorial Marker at Holy Sepulchre was dedicated Saturday September 16 at 10 am after our board meeting and there were about 20 person in attendance – The maker is very nice (and large) and the dedication was as perfect as the day
- Women’s Day of Reflection is scheduled for Dec 2 at SHMS
- Planning underway for a deacon in service day – tentatively Joe Balisteri will have a training session for the Exsultet
- The reception of the Eucharist multiple times per day was revisited – office stance published in the clergy mail based on USCCB guideline was that a deacon should receive the Eucharist no more that two times per day - *It was requested that Kevin publish this standard in the community news*
- Assignments
 - All completed
 - Reiterated that the bishop’s office still wants the deacons to be formally assigned in July along with the priest assignments
 - Discussion about changing assignments
 - The deacon needs to contact central offices prior to moving
 - A list of pastors/parishes looking for deacons will be published in the community news monthly – giving deacons

a feel for what is out there and plenty of time to prepare for a move

- Mentioned again that a member(s) of community board should be invited to the assignment board sessions as voting members as general representation of the community at large

New Business/Open Forum

- Fr Solanus Casey beatification
 - All arrangements are being handled by a 3rd party
 - Deacons who requested tickets will one automatically receive one for their wife
 - Estimated there is need for 300 deacons to distribute Holy Communion – Kevin has sent request to other dioceses
 - Request was made to have busing available for the deacons (and wives) who are distributing Holy Communion or in some way servicing at the Mass
 - Site not discussed but could be the seminary or cathedral or a parking lot (of a suburban parish)
 - Even if there is a charge to use would be cheaper and more convenient than parking downtown
- Tim added an agenda item about ministering to men who have either voluntarily or involuntarily been asked to leave formation
 - While no formal process – central office follows up with voluntary over the year to see if the situation has change or interest is still there
 - Involuntary no real follow-up; basically gives false hope to be reaccepted – however can to reapply down the road
 - All who are dismissed are told why
- Dennis brought up about meeting with the newly ordained deacons and wives soon after ordination to help them get adjusted and let them know that the diaconate community is there to help them and they are not isolated but part of the family
 - Tentatively we would like to invite them to meet with the community board before or after our January meeting for a breakfast or lunch get together and meet and greet

Assignment: Glenn and Sharon to create a sign for the Community Board Table; Glenn to speak for a few minutes at the convocation about the community board

Next Meeting: **Saturday November 11 8:00 am at SHMS – note the date change** due to the Beatification of Fr Casey on the previous scheduled date