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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 16, 2017

Report from Office of Clergy and Consecrated Life - Kevin

Old Business:

- USCCB formation certification – update report
- Convocation wrap up report
- Mosaic Day of Reflection – December 2, 2017
- Exsultet training for deacons
- Assignments
 - Publish assignment openings monthly in Community Updates
 - When requesting info from parish pastors on needing, accepting or retaining a deacon - ask if open to have deacon intern
- New deacon welcoming meeting/event
 - When
 - What do we want to do

New Business

- Community Board elections – send out request for nominations early December – may nominate self
- Does the community board want to have non-elected members who have a “committee assignment”

Request/invite vicar for clergy life, Fr Spezia, to attend the board meeting

Open Forum Discussion

Next Meeting: January 29, 2017

Meeting Adjournment

AOD Diaconate Community Board
Meeting Minutes November 11, 2017

Meeting Called to order 8:00 am

Attendees: Kevin Breen, Brigid Loffreda, Tim Maxwell, Skip Rogers, Stan Avery, Marc Rybinski, Glenn and Sharon Melenyk

Minutes from meeting of September 16, 2017 – accepted

Old Business coupled with report from Office of Clergy and Consecrated Life

Beatification of Solanus Casey

- Central Office is looking forward to November 19 – the day after the Beatification of Fr. Casey - they are extremely busy
- Tickets for the deacons and wives were mailed on or about November 9/10
- Seating for deacons and wives will be on the field most likely near the priests
- Deacons are asked to bring an alb and stole
- Deacon are asked to bring at least one ciborium with 200 unconsecrated hosts
- The information send out did not discuss bringing unconsecrated host and was a surprise – Kevin is confirming
- Doors open at 2:00 pm - come early and deacon and wives will be directed to seating area
- At this time it is assume that host will be consecrated at our seats

USCCB visit wrap up

- The report is due in 4 to 6 weeks following visit
- Overall comments were very good
- The were very much impressed with our program
- A comment was made “what are we doing here” because our program appears to be very well organized and follows standards
- The internship program was an impressive point as internships are not common in most diaconate programs
- The USCCB visitors in general enjoyed the meetings and were very impressed with the formation day
 - Especially impressive was how wives are not simply included in formation having their own sessions and training
- The USCCB team took ideas from our program to recommend and include for others and their own programs
- Visits are not regular occurrences as they have done only two this year
- The archbishop is looking forward to the report and wants to share it with various committees of our diocese

Convocation wrap up

- A few surveys were returned and in general comments favorable
- The speaking Deacon Ralph Poyo was described as a good speaker and was challenging – the mini-role placing session was well done although was a bit uncomfortable for some
- The only somewhat negative comment was that although Boyne Highlands is a very nice facility, it is very far from Detroit and maybe a change in venue would be good

Mosaic Day of Reflection

- Saturday December 2 at SHMS 10 am to 1 pm
- Speaker is Keri Tarrant, director of outreach and evangelization at the Marian Center in Joy Valley

Exsultet training

- Saturday March 3, 2018 @ SHMS
- With Joseph Balistreri, AOD Music Director
- Will be open to deacons and other interested parties

The request for deacons for various liturgical events at the Cathedral for the year (through June) is now on the sign-up genius – Please sign up

The list of parishes/pastors requesting deacons is posted in the Community News

- Note some parishes have been looking for a deacon to serve for several years
- Comment/question what type of follow up is there when a priest does not want a deacon – the AOD does ask for the reasons

Annual memorial Mass for deceased deacons and wives

- Thursday November 30 at St Paul of the Cross Retreat House
- Rsvp's go to Deacon Pete Cornell
- Again dinner followed by Mass

Follow up on the discuss about the newly ordained deacons to have an opportunity to meet with the community board as a means of helping them to feel part of the community and address any issues they may be currently experiencing

- It was decided that a breakfast on a Saturday morning in April would be good
- The new deacons will have six months of service and gone through some major liturgical events

- Board to pick the exact date and devise an agenda at our January meeting
- Since event after the board elections and seating, both the year prior and new board member will be present

It is time to prepare for elections to the community board

- Timeline:
 - Glenn will get Kevin copy of the recruit new community board members by early December
 - Information to go out in December and early January
 - Nominations mid to late January
 - Final voting complete by late February
 - New board installed during March meeting
- Discussion about having non-elected board member serve
 - Some deacons may willing to serve but be unknowns in the community
 - The ability to appoint deacon to the board either by representation through newly formed committees or directly appointed as at large members was brought up
 - Further exploration during the upcoming meetings with possible summer implementation
- Nominations to the board in January and voting in February will be sent to both Kevin and the Chairman of the board

Kevin will see that at least one community board member is invited to sit at the assignment board meeting in May

New Business/Open Forum

Publications

- The electronic form of the Post-Ordination Diaconate Handbook will be forthcoming through the Community News
- The address/phone directory of the AOD deacons with be coming out in electronic form and forthcoming soon

The reception of the Eucharist multiple times per day was revisited

- The central office stance published in the clergy mail was based on USCCB guidelines and reviewed by Msgr. Smetanka
- It was stated was that a deacon should receive the Eucharist no more that two times per day
- Glenn brought up about reception of Holy Communion multiple time to a number of priest and anecdotally many (most) priests feel that ruling is not practical
- Many deacons are servicing (almost expected to) and preaching at multiple Mass on weekends.

- Further exploration of the topic should go through the USCCB office of Clergy Life
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Meeting adjourned at 9:15

Next meeting Saturday January 20 2018 at 8:00 am at SHMS