

7-Parish Vocations Committee Notes July 30, 2024

Present: **Holy Cross:** Mary Ann DeLucenay, **Our Mother of Sorrows:** Rick Cammilleri, **St. Charles Borromeo:** Mark Stechschulte, **St. John the Evangelist:** Rick Paoletti, **St. Lawrence:** Deacon Ed Giblin, **St. Leo the Great:** Neil Combs, **St. Mark's:** Lorraine Vancour, **Facilitator/Link to the Pastoral Planning Task Force:** Karen Rinefierd

Purpose of this group: to develop and implement strategies for the 7 parishes to work together to encourage vocations—in general, to the priesthood/diaconate, to religious life, to lay ecclesial ministry

Opening prayer: Jn 6:24-35, faith sharing, intercessory prayers, Our Father

Fostering vocations to the permanent diaconate—Holy Hour followed by a presentation on the permanent diaconate

- Thursday, October 3 at St. Mark's
- Ed and Dcn. Frank Pettrone will meet next week, set the time, and discuss other details. [At that meeting the times were set: 5:30-6:30 Holy Hour, information session to follow.]
- Communications:
 - Ed has already shared the date with the deacons of our seven parishes and encouraged them to attend. This event will be advertised across the diocese as well.
 - He is updating the brochure about the permanent diaconate and will produce it in house. It will be available in both English and Spanish.
 - Elena Cambio of the *Catholic Courier* will be doing a feature article on the diaconate for the September issue and will hopefully mention our upcoming event. Katey Bourne, who works under Ed in Communications, will be preparing publicity from the diocesan end.
 - Karen will create a bulletin article (tentatively for 9/22 bulletins) for our seven parishes and hopefully be able to give social media content to each parish. She will check with Katey and use the diocesan materials if possible.

Fostering vocations to the priesthood

Action #1: Coordinate efforts with the diocesan Vocations Awareness Team—follow up to June conversation with Fr. Bill Coffas

- Do we want to host the next Fisher dinner (usually between Christmas and New Year's)?
 - This is a difficult time of year for many of us with the holidays and family commitments, but we want to do our best to host it.
 - We need more information. [After the meeting Karen learned the following from Fr. Bill Coffas: For a Fisher dinner we would need a meal for about 20 – 30 people. Something simple: chicken or a pork dinner with veggies. I like to have the meal and then go into the talks and wrap up with adoration. However, we could do adoration first. I think St. John's on the Ridge would be a great place for this--easy to find and a nice hall too. We can look at dates, but I would like to see this sometime between Christmas and New Year's.]

- We are hoping one of our Knights of Columbus Councils can take on preparing the meal once we have more details. Neil Combs is Grand Knight at the St. Leo's K of C, and Rick Paoletti is in leadership at the Council for Our Mother of Sorrows/St. Charles Borromeo/St. John the Evangelist.
- Do we want each of our parishes to “adopt” a seminarian?
 - Yes, we would like to do this.
 - Anthony Nicolosi is a parishioner of St. Mark's.
 - David Cataline served his pastoral year at Holy Cross and Our Mother of Sorrows.
 - The designation for parish(es) adopting each seminarian (worked out partially at this meeting and completed afterwards by Karen) is tentatively the following:
 - Holy Cross/Our Mother of Sorrows: David Cataline and Dcn. George Bastedo
 - St. Charles Borromeo: Edward Fantauzzo
 - St. John the Evangelist: Joseph Maurer
 - St. Lawrence: Charles Moskov
 - St. Leo the Great: Daniel Spears
 - St. Mark's: Michael Piersall
 - All 7 parishes: Anthony Nicolosi
 - We will talk through logistics at the next committee meeting.
 - Ed encouraged our entire vocations committee to attend the ordination to the priesthood of Dcn. George Bastedo next spring. Also, it is expected that two men will be ordained to the permanent diaconate in the spring, and the committee is encouraged to attend that ordination, too.

Action #3: Develop displays about vocations for all 7 parishes (Holy Cross and Our Mother of Sorrows already have these)

- Karen distributed a draft spreadsheet of the brochures and booklets we want to include, publisher, and cost. Most of these come from Vianney Vocations and bulk rates are available.
- For the permanent diaconate, we have about 100 of the brochures created by the previous USCCB Deacon Office (some in Ed's office, some previously given to Karen for the committee). We will exhaust this supply first. Then we will move to a locally-created brochure.
- Sr. Donna DelSanto will supply brochures for the Sisters of St. Joseph.
- Mary Ann has previously talked with Sr. Kathy Oconnell about getting brochures from the Sisters of Mercy. Their vocation director is away from Rochester until the end of the summer, and Mary Ann will check back with Sr. Kathy then.
- Karen has asked Don Smith in the diocesan Department of Evangelization and Catechesis for recommendations for materials on Catholic marriage. His department is in the midst of a move within the Pastoral Center and his supplies are all packed away. He will get back to Karen later in August.
- We will need to find materials on lay ecclesial ministry.
- There was a suggestion to include coloring books for younger children.
- Neil will talk with Fr. Joe Catanise to secure his approval to have a display at St. Leo. The other pastoral leaders have already given their permission.
- We will work on this more at the next meeting.

Action #2: Incorporate a vocation talk into faith formation or youth ministry—where we stand with this item now:

- Lorraine reported that, at the summer program at St. Mark's, Anthony Nicolosi talked with the kids who were participating. At the closing Mass, Fr. Lou shared the story of his own early experience considering a vocation to the priesthood.
- Mark talked with Amanuel Malik (catechetical leader for Holy Cross, Our Mother of Sorrows, St. Charles Borromeo, and St. Lawrence) who said that vocations are incorporated into sacramental preparation starting in second grade and in 8th grade with Confirmation. The materials he uses already include vocations.
- Now that Danielle Hubbel is back from her maternity leave, Neil will talk with her.

Next meeting: Thursday, September 5, at St. Charles Borromeo (room 3 of the Borromeo Ministry Center)

Closing prayer: Hail Mary