

Cathedral of St. Joseph
Vocations Committee
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 10, 2020

I. Opening Prayer

Louie Delk led the opening prayer.

II. Roll Call

In attendance: Louie Delk, Ginny Bockwinkel, Dena Brand, John Poepsel, Shawn Bailes, Carol Hartman, Terry Vignola, Dan Kempker, Angie Mengwasser, Ann Kampeter, and Jake Seifert.

III. Approval of Minutes

The previous meeting minutes were approved.

IV. Father Clark

Father Clark, Director of Vocations for the Diocese met with members of the vocation committee to discuss ways that the committee could be most effective and to answer any questions. Father mentioned that his role was to equip people to serve. He spoke of the Vocation Advocate Network, having one individual within each parish that would serve as a liaison between himself and the parish with better communications as a goal.

Father Clark also spoke of vocation marketing materials available to each parish. He also spoke of vocation related activities and urged the committees to begin and organize the activity and then invite the priest once things have been set up. Father indicated that training would be scheduled for the Vocation Advocate within each parish. Other items mentioned by Father Clark included having a Holy Hour for Vocations as well as utilizing parish schools as a good resource since packets relating to vocation activities could be sent home with students.

V. Report on Ongoing Activities

A. Weddings:

There was one wedding in October.

B. Baptisms:

A congratulatory letter was sent to one family who had their child baptized in October.

C. Cards for Priests, Deacons, Consecrated Religious and/or Seminarians:

- Praying for You cards sent to priests, deacons, consecrated religious, and seminarians during each of the four weekends in October.
- Three birthday and anniversary cards also sent in October.
- Mass intention cards sent to each of the seven Diocesan Seminarians for the November 7, 2020 Mass Intentions.

D. Budget: The committee has spent \$568.63 to date for fiscal year 2020-2021

E. Cards to be signed: None

F. Letters in Process : None

VI New Business:

A. Dates of interest

- **National Vocation Awareness Week - November 1-7** A “Pray for Vocations” holy cards were distributed after each Mass this past weekend.

- **Other new business** - It was recommended that the committee search for student representatives from Helias Catholic High School and the Cathedral School in order to get their perspective on vocations efforts that the committee is considering.

B. Continued discussion on purpose opportunities for Vocation Committee

C. Weekly Parish Bulletin Bulletins contain reminders for Leaders of Rosary. Also in the Bulletin were requests for additional leaders, especially at the 5:30 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. Masses.

VII. Next Meeting Date and Time:

Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. in the Mary Room.

VIII. Closing Prayer with blessing was led by Father Clark.

Respectfully Submitted, John Poepsel, Secretary