

Cathedral of St. Joseph
Vocations Committee
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 13, 2021

I. Opening Prayer

Louie Delk led the opening prayer.

II. Roll Call

In attendance via ZOOM: Louie Delk, Carol Hartman, John Poepsel, Dena Brand, Ginny Bockwinkel, Julie Gramlich, and Terri Vignola..

III. Approval of Minutes

The previous meeting minutes were approved.

IV. Report on Ongoing Activities:

A. Weddings & Baptisms

There were no weddings or baptisms in March.

B. 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 March.
- Two birthday and anniversary cards also sent in March.
- St Joseph's Day cards were sent to our seven seminarians.

D Budget: Looking at encumbered expenses for the remainder of the fiscal year, the committee has \$417 available to spend for vocation needs..

E. Cards to be signed: None

V New Business:

A. Dates of interest:

April 25, World Day of Prayer for Vocations The committee discussed ways to involve parishioners in praying for vocations. A petition for vocations will be included in the intentions for Masses this weekend. In addition, a prayer for vocations will be included in the parish bulletin.

B. Donation Request - The committee passed a motion that would provide the amount of \$250 to help defray meal expenses for the new Class of Deacons for our diocese. Our parish has two candidates in that deacon class: Louie Delk and Denis Gladbach. Please keep both in your thoughts and prayers.

C. New Committee Chair Our present chairperson for the vocation committee is Louie Delk. Due to the need for Louie to focus all of his attention to the activities required of deacon candidates, the committee is in search for another person to chair the committee.

D. Other New Business:

- The committee currently sends congratulatory letters to students who have received their First Holy Communion, Confirmation, and graduation. The committee discussed various options to this program in an attempt to find additional ways in which to congratulate and to encourage students in order to keep them involved in their faith. Additional discussion was tabled until the next vocation meeting.
- The Mission Statement for the vocation committee will be reviewed in order to ensure that it is clear and focused in ways to help promote vocations within our parish.
- The Christ the High Priest Icon was being used by the vocation committee for families to sign up and take the icon home in order to pray for vocations as a family during that upcoming week. Due to Covid concerns, the program was postponed. Now that pandemic concerns have lessened, the Committee will again seek permission to begin the Christ the High Priest Icon family prayers.
- Mass will be celebrated for the seminarians of our diocese on Friday, April 23 at 8:00 a.m.. Another Mass for our seminarians will on Friday, May 7 at 8:00 a.m.

VI. Next Meeting Date and Time:

Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in the Mary Room.

VII. Closing Prayer was led by Louie Delk.

Respectfully Submitted, John Poepsel, Secretary