

Cathedral of St. Joseph
Vocations Committee
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 1, 2021

I. Opening Prayer

Dena Brand led the opening prayer.

II. Roll Call

In attendance: Carol Hartman, John Poepsel, Dena Brand, Shawn Bailes,
and Mary Ann Young.

III. Approval of Minutes

The previous meeting minutes were approved.

IV. Report on Ongoing Activities:

A. Weddings: There was one wedding during the month of May.

B. Baptisms: There was one baptism during the month of May.

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 five weekends in May.
- 11 birthday and anniversary cards also sent in May.
- Mass intention cards sent to each of the seven Diocesan Seminarians for the May 7th Mass intentions.

D Budget: Looking at encumbered expenses for the remainder of the fiscal year, the committee has spent \$2027.50 of the available funds for vocations. If we encumber the additional \$400 as we had anticipated, we will be \$127.50 over budget.

E Cards in Process: Cards of congratulations were sent to those recently confirmed in our parish.

V. New Business

A. Dates of Interest:

- **Priest Ordination:** Cathedral of St. Joseph seminarian, Deacon Derek Hooper will be ordained a Holy Priest on Saturday, June 5, 2021 at 10 a.m. Reverend Hooper will celebrate His First mass on Sunday, June 6, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.

- **World Day of Prayer for Consecration of Priests** will be on June 11, which is also the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.
- **Thank You to Servers.** The committee has received a donation of St John Berchmans Holy Cards to be presented to servers by Father Nelen. Ice cream vouchers will also be available.

B. **New Committee Chair** The Vocation Committee is most grateful to Shawn Bailes who has answered the call to head up the committee going forward. The committee looks forward to working with Shawn to help the parish in **Building a Culture of Vocations.**

C. **Other New Business:**

- 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. Committee members turned in short statements about vocations which could be used in upcoming bulletins to help in **Building a Culture of Vocations..**
- The Christ the High Priest Icon - which families would take home and pray for vocations during that Particular week, was discontinued during the Covid pandemic. This special prayer program is now able to begin anew. Sign-ups begin the weekend of June 26-27.
- Diocese Vocation Advocate for the Cathedral of St Joseph Parish is Ann Kampeter. Thank you and congratulations, Ann.

VI. **Next Meeting Date and Time:**

Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in the Mary Room.

VII. **Closing Prayer was led by Dena Brand.**

Respectfully Submitted, John Poepsel, Secretary