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Committee for the Continuing Education, Formation and Support of Clergy
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TO: Bishop Rozanski, CEFSC Committee Members
FROM Fr. Warren J. Savage, Chairperson
DATE: December 10, 2019
RE Summary Report of December 10, Meeting

The Committee for the Continuing Education, Formation and Support of Clergy met on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 1:00 pm at the Bishop Marshall Center.

Members Present: Fr Warren Savage, Chairperson, Frs. Michael Lillpopp, Thomas Shea, Deacons Paul Briere, Roger Carrier, Kevin McCarthy, Don Phillip, Dan Romanello. Guests: Cathi Farr, Sue Wehner. Excused: Frs. Piotr Calik, James Nolte.

The Summary Report of October 29, 2019 Meeting was accepted.

UPDATE: RESTRUCTURING OF DEANERIES

No action was taken on the feedback from the deaneries because the Presbyteral Council did not meet this month. The role and responsibilities of Dean and Vicar will also be discussed.

UPDATE: NEW PASTORS' PROGRAM

Fr. Calik submitted a written report of activities to the Committee:

- Monday, July 8 - Meeting with Msgr. Bonzagni on Marriage: Theology, Preparation (Pre-Cana), Canonical Issues; & Human Resources with Cathi Farr.
- Tuesday, September 10 - Social Gathering with Pastors Panel on Administration
- Tuesday, November 19 - Meeting with Bill LaBroad and Finance Office Personnel: Budgeting, Parish Reports, Finance Councils, Investments & Russ Sprague: Buildings.
- Tuesday, December 10 - Meeting with Fr. Warren and Deacon Roger: The Role of Deacon as Parish Administrator.

Future Topics/Events

- Dealing with Staff and Employees (Date and Place TBA)

- Social Gathering (Date and Place TBA)
- Lenten Clergy Day- March 10, 2020
- Convocation-October 21-23.

UPDATE: CEFSC WEBSITE

The profile of deacons and their ministries is still in progress as information is incomplete.

UPDATE: CELEBRATION OF SUNDAY OF THE WORD

Deacon Paul presented his report. The date selected will be January 26, 2020 (Third Sunday in Ordinary Time). He offered a number of suggestions: Parish Bible Study, *Lectio Divina*, a Preaching Workshop, bringing the family Bible to Mass that day for a blessing. A letter from the Bishop might introduce the day with homily suggestions. Suggested time of letter would be the end of December.

UPDATE: DEACONS AS PARISH ADMINISTRATORS

Fr. Savage and Deacon Roger reported that the 15-week program is almost completed. The Parish Administration Program is divided into three 5-week Modules: Parish Administration on Ministry of Word, Parish Administration on Ministry of Worship and Parish Administration on Ministry of Charity. The CEFSC Committee and the Presbyteral Council will review the program and present it to the Bishop for his approval.

UPDATE: CLERGY DAYS 2020

- January 21, 2020 - Residential Treatment by Don Marks, Psy.D. and Erik Ranstrom, Ph.D.
- March 10, 2020 - Lenten Day of Prayer (Speaker TBA)
- May 19, 2020 - Etiology of Addiction by Mariette Danilo, Ph.D. and Sr. Mercedes McCann, RSM, Ph.D.
- October 21-23, 2020- Facilitators, Fr. Stephen Fichter, Ph.D. and Dominic Perri
- December 8, 2020 – Advent Clergy Day of Prayer and Reflection (Speaker TBA)

NEW BUSINESS

CONTINUUM OF CARE FOR PRIESTS

Committee members had a constructive discussion with Sue Wehner and Cathi Farr on the *Continuum Care of Priests* in the diocese. Caring for priests of any age demands a program that meets priests needs at each point in their lives. Sue said her biggest problem is getting advance directives from the retired priests. The committee recommended:

- Provide information on such things as wills, health care proxy etc. as part of the New Pastors program.
- Revise the Funeral Planning Guide so that it would be user-friendly for our priests to complete
- Meet with retired priests in small groups (deaneries) to discuss *Continuum of Care* issues
- Plan a workshop for the pre-retirement group of priests (ages 65-70)

SHEPHERD'S HEART PROGRAM ON MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

The committee felt that the diocese is not prepared at this time to implement the proposal submitted by the St. John Paul II Foundation.

Next meeting: January 21 at 2:00 p.m. at the Bishop Marshall Center

Deacon Dan Romanello offered the closing prayer.

(The committee is grateful to Fr. Tom Shea for taking the minutes for the December 10, 2019 meeting.)