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Diocese of Springfield

Committee for the Continuing Education, Formation and Support of Clergy
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TO: Bishop Rozanski, CEFSC Committee Members, Active/Retired Priests and Deacons

FROM: Warren J. Savage, Chairperson

DATE: January 27, 2020

RE Summary Report of January 21, Meeting

The Committee for the Continuing Education, Formation and Support of Clergy met on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at the Bishop Maguire Pastoral Center.

Members Present: Fr Warren Savage, Chairperson, Frs Michael Lillpopp, James Nolte, Thoms Shea, Deacons Roger Carrier, Don Phillip, Dan Romaniello. Guests: Stacy Dibbern, Sue Wehner. Excused Frs. Piotr Calik, Deacons Paul Briere, Kevin McCarthy.

Opening Prayer: Fr. James Nolte

The Summary Report of the December 10, 2019 CEFSC Meeting was accepted.

OLD BUSINESS

Update: Restructuring of Deaneries

There will be no significant changes in the configuration of the deaneries. The job descriptions of the dean and vicar will be discussed at the next meeting of the Presbyteral Council. Suggestions of changes may be e-mailed to Fr. Savage.

Update: New Pastors' Formation Program

Fr Calik will speak to Bishop Rosanski and recommend that our present in-house program fulfill our needs and that we continue with it and not send our priests to St. Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore for *A Program for New Pastors* in the fall 2020.

Update: CEFSC Website

The website will be updated to provide information about the ministries of the deacons so as to help inform others about possible works of charity to be undertaken in parishes.

Update: Celebration of Sunday of The Word

The committee thanked Deacon Paul Briere for the material he prepared and circulated to celebrate the Sunday of the Word in our parishes.

Update: Deacons as Parish Administrators

Fr. Warren and Deacon Roger presented a detailed curriculum for three five-week modules for Deacons as Parish Administrators. This curriculum was pared down from the original 45-week course. The first module will be on Worship, the second on Faith Formation, and the third on Charity and Justice. All deacons who become Parish Administrators are expected to take the course. It is hoped that the first two modules will take place in the spring and the third in the fall.

Update: Clergy Days

- **March 10, 2020 (10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)**
Lenten Day of Prayer and Reflection (Confessors will be available for confession)
Fr. Savage has several letters out to possible speakers. He is awaiting their answers.
- **May 19, 2020 (10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.)**
Etiology of Addiction
Speakers from St. John Vianney Center: Dr. Mariette Danilo and Sr. Mercedes McCann
- **October 21-23, 2020**
Convocation of Priests
Westford Regency Inn and Conference Center, Westford, MA
Facilitator: Fr. Stephen Fichter and Dominic Perri.
- **Annual Priests Retreats for 2020**
May 25- 29 at Miramar Retreat Center in Duxbury, MA
September 7- 11 at Enders Island in Mystic, CT.

Update: Continuum of Care of Priests

Sue Wehner presented a new Emergency Information form that will be helpful in dealing with priests at the time of death or crisis. Priests resist giving out information that they feel infringes on privacy. It is hoped this simplified document will be acceptable.

NEW BUSINESS

Clergy Day Invitations and Responses (RSVP)

Stacy Dibbern spoke of the difficulty in getting priests and deacons to respond in a timely manner to the invitation to Clergy Days. It is very difficult to arrange for lunch. E-mail has been tried with limited success; some priests and deacons do not have e-mail. The Berkshire Deanery has used Evite with success. Deacon Dan will work with Fr. Chris Malatesta and Stacy in trying this or other computer programs—starting on a trial basis and still using the postal service when necessary.

Next Meeting: February 21 at 2:00 p.m. in the Maguire Pastoral Center (3rd floor conference room)

Closing Prayer: Deacon Don Phillip

Summary Report respectfully submitted by Fr. Tom Shea, Recording Secretary