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Diocese of Springfield

Committee for the Continuing Education, Formation and Support of Clergy

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TO: Presbyteral Council and CEFSC Committee

FROM: Fr. Warren J. Savage, Chairperson

DATE: May 20, 2021

RE: Summary Report of the May 18, 2021 Meeting

The committee met on Tuesday, May 18, 2021, at the Bishop Marshall Center. **Members Present:** Fr. Warren Savage, Chairperson, Fr. Piotr Calik, VG, Fr. James Nolte, Fr. Thomas Shea, Deacon Paul Briere, Deacon David Picard. **Excused Absence:** Fr. Michael Lillpopp, Fr. Mark Stelzer, Deacon Don Phillip, Deacon Kevin McCarthy, Deacon Daniel Romanello.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW PASTORS ONGOING FORMATION PROGRAM

Fr. Piotr Calik, VG reported that the next program for the Newly Ordained Priests will be held on Monday, June 7, 2021, at the Bishop Marshall Center (9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.).

Fr. Piotr asked to be relieved of the responsibility for the New Pastors Program due to his appointment as Vicar General of the diocese. He will remain an “ex officio” member of the committee. Fr. James Nolte will assume responsibility for the New Pastors Program.

DIOCESAN PERMANENT DEACON DIRECTORY PROJECT

Deacon Romanello submitted a report on the project. The updated directory is intended to be a vital on-line resource accessible to the faithful but also a means of promoting greater understanding of the Permanent Diaconate, the deacons’ myriad activities across the diocese, and their unique collection of talents and skills. The committee recommended that Deacon Romanello collaborate with Deacon Picard to revise the questionnaire and send it the deacons to complete.

DEANERY MEETINGS ON MANDATORY REPORTER POLICY AND PROCEDURE

Fr. Savage reported that he and Jeff Trant, MSW, LCSW, CPRP, Director, Office of Safe Environment and Victim Assistance, are pleased with the attendance of the priests and deacons who have attended the deanery meetings on the Mandatory Reporter Policy and Procedure.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN SPRING RETREAT FOR PRIESTS

Fr. Savage reminded the priests that the Annual Spring Retreat will be held May 31-June 4, 2021, at the Miramar Retreat Center, 121 Parks Street, Duxbury, MA 02332. Priests interested in participating in the retreat need to contact stacy.dibbern@diospringfield.org.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN FALL RETREAT FOR PRIESTS

Fr. James Nolte will contact Eastern Point Retreat House, Gloucester, MA about its availability for the Annual Fall Retreat in September 2021.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE CEFSC WEBSITE

Fr. Lillpopp is working with Deacon Roger Carrier to learn the details of administrating the website.

NEW BUSINESS

ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF PRIESTHOOD: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2021

The *Annual Celebration of Priesthood* will be held on Tuesday, October 12, 2021. The program will begin with Mass at St. Michael's Cathedral at 4:00 p.m. with Bishop Byrne and priests. Following Mass, priests will gather for cocktails and dinner at 5:30 p.m. at the Castle of Knight Meeting and Banquet House, Chicopee, MA. Priests celebrating ordination anniversaries (2020 and 2021) will be honored.

MERGE COMMISSION ON THE SPIRITUALTY OF PRIESTS WITH THE CEFSC COMMITTEE

Fr. Savage recommended that Bishop Byrne appoint Fr. David Aufiero, Chairperson of the Commission on the Spirituality of Priests, to the CEFSC Committee since ongoing spiritual formation of priests is one of the areas of responsibility for the CEFSC Committee.

Fr. David is also a member of the Year of the Eucharist Planning Committee. The merger would make it easier to plan, coordinate, and execute ongoing formation programs for the priests and deacons. Fr. Savage will propose this recommendation to the Bishop and Presbyteral Council for approval.

CLERGY DAY ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY IN MINISTRY

Fr. Savage will contact Mark Dupont, Office of Communications, to discuss and plan a special Clergy Day for priests and deacons on "Technology and Ministry."

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, June 29, 2021 at 12:30 p.m. at the Bishop Marshall Center