

ST. CLEMENT PARISH VOCATIONS COMMISSION  
Meeting Minutes of September 12, 2017

Members Present: Fr. William, Bill Manthe, Sandi Wood, Patricia Zenz, Sheri Ihm and Bill Seyer.  
Absent: Teresa Stader and Trina Snyder.

Our meeting opened with a prayer for vocations.

**The minutes of our May 2017 meeting were approved.**

**Sheri Ihm** spoke of the beauty of being present at the ordination of Fr. Jared Holzhter, Fr. Andrew Showers and Fr. Fr. Luke Syse to the priesthood.

**Beginning of the academic year cards to seminarians** was discussed. We will send out email wishes for a blessed year to our seminarians when we get the information from the diocese. Bill will do this.

**Birthday cards** for seminarians celebrating summer and early fall birthdays have been sent out. Cards for fall and winter birthdays will be sent to commission members for them to sign very soon. It was suggested that for those seminarians who have been with us over the summer, we include a \$25 gift card. Everyone thought this was a good idea.

**Pray for a seminarian** was discussed and we decided to do this in conjunction with the **Week of Prayer for Vocations** (November 5-11). Bill will put the name of a seminarian and their address on slips of paper and the people of the parish will be invited to take one or more of these names home to pray for during the year. Baskets with the names will be in the back of the church. Some noted that they had the name of one of our seminarians we have had over the summer, or one that was ordained.

**Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations** was discussed. We will continue to do this with our monthly 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Adoration. We will make people more aware of this intention via the bulletin.

**The Week of Prayer for Vocations** will be Nov. 5-11. It was suggested that we could put up a display on Vocations that weekend at the entrance of the church.

**The Traveling Chalice** program needs to be implemented. It was decided that Bill Seyer would speak to Nick Crosby, and we could begin by having it go into homes of our Confirmation students. Bill Manthe will contact the diocese regarding prayers and prayer ideas that would be included.

**Other Ideas-** It was suggested that we could put into the bulletin information regarding seminarians and women in formation around their birthday time as a means to spotlight them and their vocation, as well allow people to send them cards if they wanted to do so. Very good idea!

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

In Christ,  
Bill Manthe