

ST. CLEMENT PARISH VOCATIONS COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes of September 28, 2016

Members Present: Bill Manthe, Sandi Wood, Patricia Zenz, Sheri Ihm, Teresa Stader and Bill Seyer.

Our meeting opened with a prayer for vocations.

The minutes of our May 2016 meeting were approved.

Sheri Ihm spoke of the beauty of being present at the ordination of Fr. Joseph Baker to the priesthood. She would encourage all to attend an ordination at least once so see its solemnity, beauty and joy.

Beginning of the academic year cards to seminarians was discussed. We receive the seminarian info in late September, well after the semester is underway. It was decided that we could send out email wishes for a blessed year to our seminarians. Bill will do this.

Birthday cards for seminarians celebrating summer and early fall birthdays have been sent out. Other cards for fall and winter birthdays were handed out for commission members to sign

Pray for a seminarian was discussed and we decided to do this in conjunction with **Vocation Awareness Sunday (October 9)**. 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.

Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations was discussed. Fr. John would prefer that we include it in some way during our 24 hour First Friday Adoration. It was suggested that commission members who take part in this time of prayer, include prayers for vocations.

The Week of Prayer for Vocations will be Nov. 6-12. How do we want to observe it? It was suggested that we invite parishioners to focus on one aspect of vocations each day, such as prayers for the priest who baptized them on one day, the priest that married them another, and so forth. Bill will put forth to the commission members ideas for this, allow their feedback, and then come to a consensus as to what/who to pray for each of these days.

Bill Seyer, parish rep to the vicariate, told the commission that men interested in the possibility of a vocation will be invited to come to a **day at New Melleray Abbey** in February for a time of input and reflection.

Bill Seyer also told the commission that the KC's would be carpooling to the **40 Days for Life** campaign in Madison each Thursday evening through March 3.

Our diocese presently has 26 seminarians in formation.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 7:00 PM.

In Christ,
Bill Manthe