

ST. CLEMENT PARISH VOCATIONS COMMISSION  
Meeting Minutes of May 9, 2017

Members Present: Fr. John, Bill Manthe, Sandi Wood, Trina Snyder, Bill Seyer and our seminarian for the summer, William Van Wagner.

Our meeting opened with a prayer for vocations.

**We welcome William Van Wagner to our parish!** He told us a bit about himself, and he is glad to be here at St. Clement for the summer. He grew up in Madison, studied first at Winona, spent 2 years in Rome and the past year in Detroit. He will be entering his final year of preparation for ordination to the priesthood in the fall.

**Letters of congratulations and encouragement** will be sent out this summer to our graduating seniors and juniors. There will be a reminder about church vocations in each letter.

**The remaining birthday cards** for seminarians with summer birthdays will be sent around soon. For members to write a note. The **Ordination cards for soon to be Fr. Jared Holzhuter, Fr. Andrew Showers, and Fr. Luke Syse** were given out for members to sign. They will be ordained on June 30.

**One of the efforts that the diocese is encouraging is having a Holy Hour for Vocations on a monthly basis.** We have discussed this before, but felt the need to confirm what we have talked about. It was felt that this Holy Hour could take place during our 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Adoration. Many of our commission members already take an hour each month. Will encourage all to do so, and mention this to the parish as well.

**Another diocesan effort is Campus Connections which helps connect in-coming freshmen to campus ministry at their college.** Bill will collect this data and send it in to the diocese.

**The Traveling Chalice** program has been discussed in the past and now is close to reality. A family of one of our deceased parish members donated a beautiful chalice and paten for this use. Tom Lucke recommended that an Amish craftsman would be able to make a case for it. This has been done and Bill Seyer showed us both the case and chalice. It will begin its "traveling" by being presented to the Extraordinary Form servers to take to their home, and also within class. This will be an excellent visual and prayerful reminder to pray for priestly vocations. This chalice may be given to the next priestly vocation to come forth from St. Clement.

**Bill Seyer also mentioned that there would be a continuous rosary** by KC members/families taking place this Saturday, May 13, from 9:00 – 3:00 on the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima. Our May Crowning procession will begin at 3:00.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 7:00 PM.

In Christ,  
Bill Manthe