

Deacon Council Minutes 2-13-15

Attending: Bob Ball, Denis Coan, Dennis Kudlak, Kevin Kunik, Fr. Mark Nowak, Richard Shewman, Dennis Socash via Face Time, Denise & Jerry Sobrowski, Bob Walker, Steve Washek, Tim Wren via Face Time.

Opening prayer: Denis Coan

1. We dispensed with the minutes of the January 14 meeting, and went right into a review of the Permanent Diaconate Video. The following comments were made:
 - a. The photos moving in and out was at first confusing to some.
 - b. The three steps mentioned (from minutes 3:32 to 3:39) by Bishop Persico need to be clarified or possibly eliminated.
 - c. Only liturgical roles of the deacon were shown. Some visuals of the other works of deacons need to be shown.
 - d. The ages to apply need to be changed to “between age 30 to 62”.
 - e. No theology classes were mentioned in the list of classes for formation.
 - f. Change from “wives are encouraged” to “wives are expected” to attend classes.
 - g. It was mentioned that since the purpose of the video was to “advertise” the possibility of someone looking at the diaconate, it is generally recommended in advertising to “tease” the person looking at the add to want to know more. Close with something like “for more information, contact your pastor.”
 - h. Our concerns will be taken to the producer of the video next week.
2. We entered into a dialog on the presentation by Matt Clark last time on the Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest (SCAP). There was some confusion, and a question as to why did we need the discussion in the first place. Why not train every deacon to be prepared for this task? It was suggested for us to send our questions to Jerry Sobrowski to consolidate and present to Matt Clark. This needs to be done ASAP. (***Jerry asked that we get these questions to him BEFORE March 6th.***) We might consider asking Msgr. Bob Smith, Fr. Chris Singer, and Bishop Persico to a council meeting in the near future to address our questions as well.
3. Deacon Study Day scheduled for Feb. 28, 8:30 am to 1:00 pm, will be opened to the Deacon Candidates and Priests who might be interested. Thanks went out to Dennis Kudlak for his efforts to obtain our speaker, Deacon Ralph Poyo from the Diocese of Raleigh, NC.
4. Also a reminder for the Continuing Education Forms. They continue to trickle in.
5. Having no further business, we adjourned at 4:50 pm. Our next meeting will be on Friday, March 13 at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Deacon Robert L. Walker