

**Report of the Committee on the Diaconate to the 220th Diocesan Convention**

Diaconal formation is a responsibility shared by the COD and the School for Deacons. The Rev. Linda L. Moeller, Director of the School for Deacons, together with the Advisory Board have included Pastoral Education and Church Polity as part of the curriculum for diaconal students. The Rev. Joanna D. Graham is in charge of the program which includes Pastoral Theology and a practicum at a site chosen by the diaconal student. The students are also participating in a Parish Practicum to develop their ministry in the world.

The COD has proposed an internship program which will be part of the formation process. Each student will be required to spend a period of time serving in a parish. With the assistance and supervision of a parish clergy person, the student can begin to explore the many expectations which parishes have with regard to their clergy along with the student's own attitudes about parish life and ordained ministry.

The Class of 2005 has been interviewed for candidacy. Presently, there are seven students in formation. All students meet in Trinity Cathedral for their academic program.

The application process for the Class of 2007 has produced ten nominees who are scheduled for their COD interviews. The new class will begin September 2004.

Information about the application process for the next class is available on the Diocesan website. Consult the link to the School for Deacons and Deacon to Deacon.

The Ven. Carol B. Stoy, Archdeacon, is in the process of meeting with each deacon of the diocese as part of her responsibility for deployment and supervision of the fifty-six deacons in our diocese.

The Rev. Eric Brechner continues as chaplain for the deacon formation program.

The COD sponsored two deacons from the diocese to attend the North American Association for the Diaconate (NAAD) Biennial Conference held at Trinity College, Toronto, Canada. A report of the conference, "Working for Justice as Servant Leaders." was submitted to the COD by each participant.

Archdeacon Stoy and Deacon Knight were presenters at the Diocesan event, Equipping the Servants II. The workshop, "Diaconal Ministry, What is it?," was well received. Other workshops are being planned and coordinated by the School for Deacons and the COD to educate and inform participants of the role of the deacon in the Church.

Respectfully Submitted,

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