

ST. CLEMENT PARISH VOCATIONS COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes of September 11, 2018

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

Our meeting opened with a prayer for vocations.

The minutes of our May 2018 meeting were approved.

No one present at the meeting attended the **Ordination** Mass for Fr. Peter Lee, Fr. Drew Olson and Fr. Grant Thies. Fr. William did take the Ordination cards with him to the Mass.

Beginning of the academic year cards to seminarians was discussed. We will send out email wishes to our seminarians, as we have done the past two years. 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.

Pray for a seminarian and those in formation was discussed and we decided that we will do this again, putting their names on slips of paper, and get them out to the parish soon. Baskets with the names will be at the entrance of the church. Parishioners will be invited to take one or more of these names home to pray for during the year. We will also highlight this again during the **National Vocations Awareness Week**.

Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations was discussed. We will continue to do this with our monthly 1st Friday Adoration. We will make people more aware of this intention via the bulletin and on Facebook.

The Week of Prayer for Vocations will be Nov. 4-10. We will put up a display on Vocations that weekend at the entrance of the church.

The Traveling Chalice program will begin soon. Bill Seyer has spoken to Josh Jensen, and the Chalice will go into the homes of the 6th grade families for one week. We will include simple instructions for family prayer, such as a decade or more of the rosary, finger rosaries, and a vocations prayer card.

Other Ideas- It was suggested that we could put into the bulletin information regarding seminarians and women in formation as a means to spotlight them and their vocation. Another suggestion was to try to include/develop opportunities for Fr. Greg Ihm to be in contact with young adults. Possibilities might be to invite him to the servers bowling, or to the Confirmation class. Other ideas were to have a regional gathering, possibly at a shrine of the Outdoor Rosary and Way of the Cross outside Dodgeville and include with it time for fun and socializing.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

In Christ,
Bill Manthe