ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON MINISTRY 2003

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The Rt. Rev. Edward S Little II
The Rev. Canon David L Seger
The Rev. Henry Randolph - Vocations Director

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The Commission on Ministry (COM) has been meeting on the third Saturday of each month, with the exception of December, April and July. Bishop Little meets with us once every quarter.

In October, Henry Randolph attended the Province V Ministry Conference. This conference is for Commissions on Ministry, Standing Committees, Bishops, Deployment Officers, Boards of Examining Chaplains and Ministry Developers.

During the year we have conducted fifteen interviews. Nine with applicants wishing to enter the discernment process, five for admission to postulancy and one for admission to candidacy. As of this report we have six postulants. Currently we have 4 seminarians at Seabury-Western Theological Seminary. Seven applicants are still in the discernment process.

We are using the Northern Indiana School of Theology for Postulants and Candidates. This school uses courses from the Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry's Christian Foundations

Program. Postulants and Candidates also meet periodically for prayer, discussion and instruction in areas of practical ministry through the Deaconal Formation program.

Our handbook for Guidelines for Parish Discernment Groups has been updated.

Our sub-committee for the Continuing Education Program was chaired by Canon David Seger. Applications were processed for use of the fund and six requests totalling $3000. were granted.

A meeting is being held, prior to this Convention, with the COM, the Standing Committee and postulants. This is to give the Standing Committee an opportunity to meet the postulants so that they will have some knowledge of them efore they come before them for their final interview.

Henry Randolph and Anne Donnelly will be attending the Province V Ministry Conference after this Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne E Donnelly - Chair