

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON MINISTRY 2007

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The Commission on Ministry (COM) meets on the third Saturday of every other month, beginning in January. Bishop Little was in attendance at three of our meetings this year. All applicants wishing to enter into the discernment process for ordination are interviewed by subcommittees of at least three people in their geographical area.

Since the last report of the COM we have had three ordinations to the diaconate and three ordinations to the priesthood. Before the end of the year there will be seven ordinations to the diaconate; one for permanent deacon and six for transitional deacons. Our annual meeting with the Standing Committee, Postulants and Candidates took place September 7th and 8th with seven candidates and two postulants in attendance. We have seven applicants in the discernment process.

Postulants and candidates in the Northern Indiana School of Theology (NISoT) meet five times a year for prayer, discussion and instruction in areas of practical ministry through the Diaconal Formation program led by the Rev. Ted Neidlinger.

The Rev. John Schramm, the Rev. Jim Warnock, the Rev. Henry Randolph and Mr. Christopher Wells are the examining chaplains for the diocese, reading over the GEO's of the seminarians and prepare and read exams for candidates in local formation.

The Rev. Canon Richard Kallenberg chaired the subcommittee for allocation of continuing education funds and this year \$3215.00 was given for funding for five requests.

The Rev. Henry Randolph, Vocations Director for the diocese, is responsible for all paperwork for all of those in the ordination process from discernment to priesthood, including monitoring all papers for those in NISoT.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne E. Donnelly, Chair