

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON MINISTRY 2008

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The Rt. Rev. Edward S. Little II
The Rev. Canon SuzeAnne Silla,
The rev. Henry Randolph—Vocations Director
The Rev. Ted Neidlinger—Formation Group

MEMBERS

The Rev. Jim Warnock, Gethsemane, Marion	2008
The Rev. Richard Miller, Christ the King, Huntington	2008
Mrs. Katy White, St. Michael's, South Bend	2008
Mr. Christopher Wells, St. Paul's, Mishawaka	2008 (Resigned)
The Rev. George Minnix, retired	2009
The Rev. Carolyn Jones, St. Paul's, Munster	2009
Mrs. Nancy Noecker, Cathedral of St. James, South Bend	2009
Mr. Ervin Orban, Grace, Fort Wayne	2009
The Rev. Margaret Shaw, St. Elizabeth's, Culver	2009
The Rev. Dan Martins, St. Anne's, Warsaw	2010
The Rev. Canon David Hyndman, St. Augustine's, Gary	2010
Mrs. Kay Miller, St. John's, Elkhart	2010
Mrs. Charlotte Strowhorn, St. Augustine's, Gary	2010
Mrs. Anne Donnelly, St. Alban's, Fort Wayne	2010

The Commission on ministry (COM) has met four times since the last report, with Bishop Little in attendance at all four meetings. These meetings take place currently at the Cathedral of St. James, South Bend on the third Saturday of the month. Subcommittees of the COM have met six times in geographical locations to interview persons seeking to begin the discernment process for ordination and then reporting to the commission at large. The COM conducted five interviews for postulancy.

The annual meeting with the Standing Committee, postulants and candidates took place on September 5th and 6th with five postulants, one candidate and two seminarians in attendance.

We currently have six persons in the discernment process. Since the last report one permanent deacon and six priests have been ordained.

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. Jim Warnock, the Rev. Henry Randolph, the Rev. Dan Martins and Mr. Christopher Wells are the examining chaplains for the diocese, reading over the GOE's of the seminarians and preparing and reading exams for candidates in local formation.

Mrs. Katy White and the Rev. Margaret Shaw are chairing the subcommittee for allocation of continuing education funds.

The Rev. Henry Randolph, Vocations Director for the diocese, is responsible for all paperwork for all those in the ordination process from discernment to priesthood, including monitoring all papers for those in NISoT. This is a very large undertaking and the COM is very grateful for the work he does.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne E. Donnelly, Chair