

# Deacon Council Meeting

January 9, 2016

## Present:

**Members:** Dcn. Roger, Dcn. Ken, Dcn. Art, Dcn. Lonnie, Dcn. Tony Torres, and Dcn. Tony Dominguez,

**Ex Officio members:** Fr. Carlos, Dcn. Lou, and Dcn. David McNiel

**Prayer led by:** Dcn. Lou

Introductions of the council:

## Role and Duties of a Consultation Council:

Fr. Rogelio was present and gave an explanation of the roles and duties of a Consultation Council.

## Election of Officers:

Chairman: Dc. Tony Torres

Secretary: Dc. Lonnie Briseno

## New Business:

### Deacon Retreat:

- Date: August 19-21 at Holy Cross Retreat Center,
- some feedback has been to move it to other places not just at the Holy Cross retreat Center, Sacramento was mentioned as a possible site
- focus more on the content rather than the location,
- have more time for group sharing,
- also address the Spanish speaking deacons,
- need someone that will fire up the deacons,
- let deacons know as soon as possible,
- ask the deacons of the diocese what topic you would like to see at the retreat,
- Ken , Roger and Antonio will coordinate the location,
- Art, Lonnie, Tony, Lou will provide us a list of retreat masters from the region

### Ongoing Deacon Formation Program:

- create three study days,
- survey the deacons on what they want for ongoing formation
- 1st Saturday of December March and May,
- March 5th on annulment process from 10-3pm at San Patricio,

## On Going Formation of New Deacons

- We are also required to provide ongoing formation for new deacons for three years after their ordination,
- research what people already have in place,
  - o some regions require the study of another language,
  - o Santa Fe is looking at making deacons spiritual directors,
  - o some diocese already have things in place that they are using, use of books,
- Dc. Art suggested that the Knights of Columbus website has a great online class that should be taken by any gentleman who is interested in entering the Deacon Program in the fall.

## Miscellaneous Discussion:

- Discussion on how to get deacons to the diocesan events,
- also discussed about which deacons would be at the Chrism mass,
- also need to talk about what to do for Deacon Jubilee on May 29th,
- also deacons should plan to attend the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress at ENMU in Roswell,
- also send calendar of events and deacons on who will support deacons at the diocesan liturgical events
- Dcn. Andy will be asked to take care of the Deacon website, from the direction of the council and the approval of the diocese, working with Anchondo from the diocese

## Recruitment of New Deacons and the Deacon Program

- Recruitment of new deacons, getting deacons from other deacons,
- Bishop would like to have the pastors recommend the deacons,
- Dcn. Roger mentioned a process where deacons gave information with the prospects with Pastor present to meet the prospects.
- Fr. Carlos reviewed the application process, and discussed some of the things that were being considered for the formation process, i.e. Master's of Divinity or getting a Certificate for auditing, looking at sites for online course with facilitators,
- Dcn. Antonio shared that Lubbock in the first year brought in a Deacon and his wife to share with the aspirants their experience of being deacons,
- Dcn. Lonnie mentioned to look at requiring wives to attend rather than making it optional
- Encouraged to assist with recruitment working closely with the pastor, with the hope to begin in September 2016,

## Reviewed and Made Changes to Deacon Policies

Need to review the policies, also address retirement of deacons, and the inclusion of Deacon Wives. Dc. Roger stated regarding retirement, that a deacon's work is always present, there is not a removing a faculties, If changes want to be made to the Deacon's Council Guidelines a

letter with the change has to be made to the policy chairman which is currently Dc. David McNiel

## Diocesan Liturgies: Deacon Assignments

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Vicariate</b>	<b>Contact</b>
2/13/16	Anniversary Mass Cathedral 10am	Las Cruces	Dcn. Lonnie Briseno 575-571-1454 <a href="mailto:lbriseno@dioceseoflascruces.org">lbriseno@dioceseoflascruces.org</a>
2/13/16	Rite of Election Cathedral 2pm	Copper	Dcn. Art Gutierrez 575-388-7544 <a href="mailto:Ajgutier@q.com">Ajgutier@q.com</a>
2/13/16	Rite of Election Our Lady of Grace 4pm	Roswell	Dcn. Tony Torres 575-365-6975 <a href="mailto:ttorrez2000@yahoo.com">ttorrez2000@yahoo.com</a>
3/15/16	Chrism Mass Cathedral	All Vicariates	Dcn. Tony Torres 575-365-6975 <a href="mailto:ttorrez2000@yahoo.com">ttorrez2000@yahoo.com</a>  Dcn. Lonnie Briseno 575-571-1454 <a href="mailto:lbriseno@dioceseoflascruces.org">lbriseno@dioceseoflascruces.org</a>
5/14/16	Adult Confirmation Cathedral 2pm	Tularosa	Dcn. Ken Quade 575-491-5370 <a href="mailto:Kdquade123@gmail.com">Kdquade123@gmail.com</a>
5/15/16	Adult Confirmation Our Lady of Grace 2pm	Carlsbad	Dcn. Tony Dominguez 575-361-1046 <a href="mailto:dkndee@bajabb.com">dkndee@bajabb.com</a>

### Next Meeting:

April 2nd Deacon Council from 9am - 1pm at St. Genevieve's