



Immaculate Conception Parish Council October Minutes

Meeting Date: Tuesday, October 1, 2013
Meeting Time: 7:00 PM
Meeting Location: Parish Hall

Member Name	Present	Absent	Position
Nicole Tomaszzycki	X		Chairperson
Bill Gilmore	X		Vice Chair
Pat McGrath	X		Council Member
Kathleen Grimm	X		Council Member, VPC Representative
Lori Stefani	X		Council Member
Bob Tharrett	X		Council Member
Tom Dunn	X		Council Member
Ted Stawiasz	X		Council Member
Deacon Ken Nowicki	X		Evangelization Representative
Fr. Joe Esper	X		Pastor
Mary Kot	X		Worship Representative
Anni Adkins		X	Council Member

Meeting opened with a prayer at 7:15 PM

Minutes of the September 3, 2013 were approved with no changes.

PASTORS REPORT:

- Fr. Joe reported that the Finance Council approved the recommendation of the Long Term Planning Committee to install a new roof on the church. The addition of slope(s) on the north end of the building and improved ventilation will be included and will eliminate current problems with the flat roof in that part of the building. Work is scheduled to begin the third week in October. Interior painting and repairs will take place after the installation of the roof is completed.
- The Finance Council also discussed the overall state of the parish finances which are presenting us with challenges. Further discussion and options will be discussed at the next meeting.
- *Changing Lives Together* will gear up again with an outreach this fall to those who have not yet participated.
- Faith Formation is beginning this week.
- IC hosted a special Mass of Reparation for the sins of our country which included a healing and anointing service on Monday, September 16th. Approximately 80 people were in attendance. We will be hosting another such Mass of Reparation on Monday, October 21 that will also include a healing service.
- Author and alleged visionary John Leary will be speaking here at Immaculate Conception on Sunday, October 20.
- Fr. Joe will be away at the annual Marian Conference on the weekend of October 26th and 27th. We will have a visiting priest who will speak on behalf of the Christian Foundation for Aging and Children.
- The parish campus has been experiencing some intermittent phone problems. The phone company is looking into the issue. We apologize for any inconvenience this has caused.

- At the recent Archdiocesan Priests' Convocation, Archbishop Vigneron announced a major initiative to implement the New Evangelization – that is an outreach to those who have been baptized, but who no longer practice their faith. This will be a major focus over the next few years. Bishop Michael Byrnes (our regional bishop) will head a committee to plan and implement this effort. More information will be forthcoming. Our parish is planning the *Christ Life* program which fits nicely into this initiative.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Worship Commission – September meeting minutes attached

- Fifteen new altar servers have been trained and officially installed.
- The annual pet blessing for the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi will be held Friday, October 4th at 2:00 pm.
- The Archdiocese is asking every parish to take a head count at all the weekend Masses for two consecutive weeks; we will be having the ushers do this the next two weekends.
- After all Masses this weekend, October 5th and 6th, Fr. Joe will once again have a blessing of holy water, salt, and oil.
- November 1st the feast of All Saints, the Holy Day Masses will be at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm. Being First Friday, there will be the usual Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction at 2:30 pm.
- On Saturday, November 2, instead of the normal 9:00 am Mass for First Saturday, there will be an 11:00 am Memorial Mass for all those who've died over the past year. Invitations will be send out to the relatives of such parishioners.

Christian Service Commission – No written report

- No report from Christian Service. Their next meeting is Tuesday, October 8, 2013.

Education Commission – April and June meeting minutes attached

- The Education Commission held a meeting and spent some time getting to know Tina Kovalcik our new DRE.
- A survey is being developed for education that will take place after the Changing Lives Together initiative.
- Looking into the possibility of hosting Natural Family Planning classes as there are none available in the Blue Water Vicariate at this time.

Long Term Planning (LTP) – August minutes attached

- LTP has recommended replacement of the church roof with some improvements made to the sloping and ventilation to prevent future problems. The current roof has only 5 years of recommended life remaining, so it is a good time to replace it. A special meeting was held, bids were reviewed, and a recommendation was made to Finance Council. This recommendation was approved. Work should begin in October.

VICARIATE PASTORAL COUNCIL (VPC) – September minutes attached

- Deacon Tim Maxwell is working with Fr. Brian, Fr. Joe Horn, and Pastor Tom Seppo to improve the ongoing problems with the prison ministry within the Blue Water Vicariate.
- There will be a Youth Ministers conference on November 20th in Novi.
- Our Lady of Guadalupe will be hosting a Mexican Dinner.
- A Vicariate wide healing Mass will be held November 8th at St. Stephen Church at Holy Trinity Parish from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm. All are welcome.

- Deacon Ken was informed at the VPC meeting that as clergy, he was not supposed to be the representative for Immaculate Conception Parish. Parish Council member Kathleen Grimm has volunteered to be our representative. We are still in need of another representative as they recommend two from each parish.

AD HOC COMMITTEES:

160th Anniversary Committee – No report

- An anniversary Harvest Dinner is planned for Sunday, October 20, 2013. There will be games followed by dinner in the parish hall.

Changing Lives Together – No written report

Evangelization – No written report

- IC will be conducting the *Christ Life – Discovering Christ* program beginning in January. There are three segments of seven sessions, consisting of 21 topics overall. Volunteers will be needed. More information to follow.
- Deacon Ken will be providing Parish Council with a booklet on evangelization.

Festival Committee – No written report

- Ellen Vernier will be stepping down as Festival Chair. It is unknown at this time, if the other co-chairs will continue.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Fr. Joe passed around a sample of *One Minute in the Catholic Church*, a book on apologetics that may be recommended to purchase for the parishioners as a Christmas gift from the parish. They are available at \$1 per booklet. This represents a savings over past years. It was agreed by council to purchase this book. Parish Council members will provide a free will donation at the next meeting in November to help defray the cost to the parish, making this a gift not only from the parish, but from the parish council as well.
- Fr. Joe presented a letter he received from Deacon John Lucas at Amate House. One of our young adults, Mary Cornwell, is living for the year in the McKinley Park Neighborhood in Chicago working with youth. They are asking for our help to sponsor her work. We will have a bulletin insert (provided by Amate House) and we will discuss the option of having SHINE help out, perhaps with a bake sale or other fund raiser.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Suggested changes have been made for the Operational Procedures manual. Unfortunately they were not available for parish council members to look at at this meeting. They will be posted on the parish council web site so they can be reviewed before the next meeting. The draft procedures and suggested changes are both available on the private area of the iccatholic.org web site.
- Former Council member Pam Mertes and Christian Service Representative JoAnn Augustine had previously agreed to work on a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. They are looking at possibly hosting it in January of 2014. They will need to discuss this with George Eichorn, Business Manager, to establish a reasonable budget for this event.

OPEN FORUM:

- A tentative list of all committees and commissions with member list was passed out. The recording secretary is asking for help to correct and complete this list so we can provide accurate memberships lists on the parish web site as well as periodically in the weekly bulletin.

Meeting closed with a prayer at 8:25 PM

Next Meeting: November 5, 2013 following the 6:30 pm Mass.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted: Amy O’Gara, Recording Secretary

WORSHIP COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

October 24, 2013

Meeting opened at 6:30 pm with prayer.

Present: Fr. Joe Esper, Deacon Ken Nowicki, Pat Austin, Ed Ross, Carole Gafa, Carol Gawel, Eliana Hogarth, Mike Mytinger, Rene Meldrum, Mary Kot.

Not Present: Sandy Kott.

Minutes of September 12, 2013 approved with two corrections: Pg 1, PP 4, correct spelling of *Archdiocesan*; Pg 1, PP 4, 10/20 Sunday John Leary, insert the word *alleged* to read "his *alleged* revelations".

FR. JOE'S REPORT:

The new roof currently being installed will take approximately 15 working days and will involve the building of a pitched roof on the flat portions to hopefully eliminate the moisture and mold problems of the past. Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday daily Masses will be held in the parish hall during this time.

Repainting of the church interior scheduled to begin on Monday, November 4, and will include necessary repairs. All daily Masses will be held in the parish hall. Scaffolding will be dismantled for the weekend Masses in the church. Funerals will be scheduled for Saturdays or be held at St. Mary Queen of Creation during this period.

Head count of attendance at Masses the first two weekends of October was done per request of the AOD (*sheets distributed*), and any future adjustments to our Mass schedule could be based on the data obtained.

Masses of Reparation for the Sins of Our Nation are being held at various sites throughout the country on the third Monday of each month. At the two we held here at IC, about 80 attended in September and 65 in October, which included a healing service and Sacrament of Reconciliation.

A vicariate healing service will be held on Friday, November 8, at St. Stephen in Port Huron beginning at 6:15 pm, confessions, healing service (including Anointing), Benediction, and the availability of prayer teams until 10 pm.

A visiting priest will be speaking at all the Masses this weekend on behalf of the Christian Foundation for Children and the Aging.

Fifteen new altar servers have been trained and officially installed.

Friday, November 1, Feast of All Saints, Masses at 9 am and 7 pm. Being it will be a First Friday, there will be Eucharistic Adoration after morning Mass until Benediction at 2:30 pm.

Saturday, November 2, Feast of All Souls, there will be the annual Memorial Mass in honor of this past year's deceased parishioners.

We are tentatively scheduled to host the "Vicariate Traveling Mass" at 12 noon on Sunday, November 17th. (though there has been some confusion about this).

Special collection envelopes have been ordered for use by our boys and girls in school and faith formation; these to arrive in time for Advent.

At the priest's convocation last month, Archbishop Vigneron announced a major initiative to implement the New Evangelization here in the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Bishop Michael Byrnes (our regional bishop) will head a committee to plan and implement this effort. Two of the specific elements will be a year of prayer and fasting, and a synod (possibly in 2016) intended to change the culture in the Archdiocese. It is obvious our parish's implementation of the *Christlife* program will be a timely and appropriate preparation for this New Evangelization initiative.

Christlife—a program of parish renewal which we'll be undertaking—will begin in January. There will be seven consecutive weeks of sessions, with the program being offered on Thursday mornings and Thursday evenings. A short video about *Christlife* will be shown at all the Masses on the weekend of December 14-15.

Fr. Joe explained the above topics in detail and there was some discussion about them as we went along.

REPORTS & UPDATES

MUSIC: Pat announced there was a nice increase in members in the Youth Choir from 4 to 8; could use a few new ones in the Adult and Bell Choirs. Looking ahead to Lent, it was decided to eliminate the processional hymn in favor of silence, and during Lent at weekday Masses there would be no recorded music, the hymns would be sung a cappella.

ART & ENVIRONMENT: Carole plans to add something each week to the autumn décor in church. However, with the repainting of the church the decorations will be removed but she would still like to do something for the weekend Masses.

Banners with names of our deceased parishioners of this past year will be hung for All Soul's Day, November 2. New hangings for the Lenten season have been made for the church but Carole would like to use the previously used ones in the school during Lent, as well as Advent material for the Advent season for added interest.

Carole brought to our attention the problem of mold in the church basement where she has her workspace and storage area, during snow and rainy spells there is flooding. Since there is no other space available for her, there is a need for a back-up battery for the sump pump or a generator. Mike will look into the situation and Mr. Bob will be contacted to work out this problem.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES: No report.

SACRISTANS: Ted Stawiasz, our newest sacristan, is officially on the schedule beginning the first Sunday in November.

USHERS: Mike announced nine ushers went through the CPR and AED (defibrillator) training in conjunction with heart associate trainer Kathleen Grimm.

ALTAR LINENS: New altar cloths and matching linens are ready for use when the church repainting is finished.

LOVING HANDS: All is going well.

UPCOMING LITURGICAL EVENTS

11/1 All Saints Masses at 9 am & 7 pm. Eucharistic Adoration following morning Mass with **Benediction at 2:30 pm.**

11/2 All Souls 11 am Memorial Mass for all souls. Book of Life.

11/28 Thanksgiving 9 am Mass

Candlelight Mass dropped for this year.

ADVENT: Advent wreath – oil vs regular candles. Oil is cleaner so it will be used. Second grade families will sign up to light the Advent Candle.

Advent wreaths will be available for \$20, including 4 candles, for anyone interested.

12/8 Sunday Parish celebration with a play at 2:30 pm followed by a parish dinner. Carol Gawel described the play briefly and asked for people to sign up for parts.

12/9 Feast of Immaculate Conception celebrated this day. **8:30 am Mass. Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.**

Reconciliation Schedule: Wednesday 12/11, 7 pm, St. Mary's New Baltimore Tuesday 12/10 and Saturday 12/14 but times and places to be determined.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:

12/24, Christmas Eve, Children's Masses at 4:30 and 6:30 pm.

Midnite Mass at 11 pm, Choral Concert at 10:30 pm.

12/25 Christmas Day Masses at 9 & 11 am.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

Suggestion that altar servers show more reverence during Mass.

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 14, 2013, 6:30 pm.

Meeting closed at 7:55 pm with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kot, Secretary

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH COUNCIL
CHRISTIAN SERVICE MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 8, 2013

OPENED WITH A PRAYER

ATTENDANCE – 11 MEMBERS PRESENT

APPROVAL SEPT. 3, 2013 MINUTES BY CONSENSUS

MARY'S GARDEN – WILL REMOVE BORDER PLANTS AND WORK ON PLANS FOR
NEXT YEAR – STILL NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS FOR THIS

ROSARY MAKERS – MEET AFTER 10 AM MASS – NO ADDITIONAL REPORT

FUNERAL LUNCH – ONE FUNERAL LUNCH

COFFEE/DONUT SUNDAY – OCT. 13TH – WILL BE A RECEPTION AFTER 10 AM MASS FOR
FIREFIGHTERS/EMC, ETC. AS WELL AS "LAND OF PEACE" ARTICLES

BLOOD DRIVE WAS HELD SEPT. 22ND – RESULTS: 45 PRESENTING, 39 PINTS, 2 DOUBLE
REDS FOR A TOTAL OF 43 PINTS (RED CROSS WAS VERY PLEASED) 3 WERE
DEFERRED – NEXT DRIVE IS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 27, 2014

160TH ANNIV. EVENT – HARVESTFEST SUNDAY, OCT. 20TH – 2 PM – 7 PM – GAMES FROM
2-5 AND FOOD SERVED IN HALL AROUND 5 PM

FR. JOE REQUESTED A LUNCHEON AFTER THE 11 AM MASS, SAT. NOV. 2ND (ALL SOULS)
FOR THOSE WHO LOST A LOVED ONE THIS PAST YEAR

ALL STAFF VICARIATE LUNCH (70 PEOPLE) TUES., NOV. 12TH AT NOON – WE WILL
PREPARE LUNCH

MCREST – MON., OCT. 28TH – KIELBASA/KRAUT/HAM DINNER AND WED., OCT. 30TH
MOSTACCIOLI DINNER AT ST. JOHN LUTHERAN IN NEW BALTIMORE

NEW BUSINESS:

STARS OF CHRISTMAS: JOYCE BYNUM – TREE WILL BE UP WEEKEND OF NOV. 2-3
UNTIL NOV. 17TH – TREE WILL BE ON ST. MARY'S SIDE WITH CARDS FOR
PARISHIONERS TO PICK PLUS A DISPLAY RACK WILL BE ON ST. JOSEPH SIDE
WITH CARDS AVAILABLE

NOTE CHANGE: OUR NEXT CHRISTIAN SERVICE MEETING WILL BE HELD ON
THURSDAY, NOV. 14TH AT 1 PM IN THE PARISH HALL

**Immaculate Conception -Education Commission
October 15, 2015**

Present: Bob Muller, Randy Proctor, Beth Kjerrumgaard,

Absent: Andrea Tripicchio, MaryAnn Bagan, Mary Kelly,

Excused: Pat Phelan, Nicole Tomaszynski

Opening Prayer: Bob Mueller

Old Business:

- Survey: Council asked Education Commission to create a survey but what was not clear on what to survey. Fr. Joe suggested – 50% adult faith formation, 25% school, 25% faith formation. Fr. wanted us to include Vocations, Faith & Justice, Bible Study, Guest speakers, Adult Education in summer.

In order for us to write a survey we need to ask ourselves these questions: What are the characteristics of our church? What do we need to change to draw people into an educational opportunity? Who am I?

- **Note to Council:** We would like a survey list of the core beliefs that a person should have if they are Catholic or considering being Catholic. 10 words or less

New Business:

- Movie Night -Council member, Mary Kott approached Tina and asked for us to put on a Movie Night. Mary provided Tina a pamphlet with suggested saint DVD's.
 - A suggestion was Mother Theresa, EWTN.
 - All in favor to look into this. Larger discussion next month
 - Discussed licensing . Tina informed commission that she and George Eichorn are looking into this. Cost for a one year license is \$380
- Youth Group: High School – what is the format of their meeting? What are we teaching teens about modesty, dress, human love while in the youth group? What do they know about scripture and is it being taught in their time together? We would like a rep from Youth Group to attend our meeting to report.
- NFP – Nicole emailed group. She is looking into Couples to Couples League for training. She and Mike are members of CCL. Membership is \$35 per year or free with a donation to CCL. Cost per class is \$150 per couple attending. The money is paid to CCL. The AOD is only teaching couples to teach the introductory class not the full class. Refer to Nicole's email sent 10-14.
- ChristLife – advertising will begin soon . Course starting in Jan 2014.
- Selecting officers – on hold
- Tina to get Beth phone numbers of commission members to verify commitment to commission.
- Pat Phelan sent the group an email stating she needs to step down due to her work schedule.

- We would like to have a rep from the following committees (according to the Parish, Vicariate and Archdiocesan Councils Handbook)
 - Adult Faith Formation Committee – Tina will report as staff liaison
 - Catholic School Committee
 - Family Ministry (this may fall under faith formation dept)
 - Youth Ministry
 - Vocation Committee (we need to promote this committee)
 - Campus Ministry and Young Adult Ministry – this is done vicariate wide. Tina will look for a report from the AOD

Reporting from Faith Formation:

- Baptism Prep – baptism team is implementing a Christian Parenting component.
- Rosary Walk – faith formation will do walk on 10-28.
- First Penance parenting mtg, Oct 22, Confirmation parent mtg Oct 29.
- Faith formation k-Gd 6 started Oct 7 and Jr High started 10-14. So far, 280 students registered.

Next meeting: November 19, 2013 *bring someone with you

Blue Water Vicariate Pastoral Council Meeting Notes

October 9, 2013

Attendance:

Cardinal Mooney – Ruth Cunnings

Holy Family –

Holy Trinity – Marsha Hicks, Lucy Sebastian

Immaculate Conception – Deacon Ken

Nowick, Kathleen Grimm,

Our Lady On the River – Mary Margaaret Tiano,

St. Augustine –

St. Christopher –

St. Edward on the Lake

St. Mary, St. Clair – Tim Zobl

St. Mary, Port Huron – Tony Paladino, Deacon Tim Maxwell

St. Mary, QOC – Larry Mavis, Matt Hoxsie

APC – Kym Nummer

Hispanic Rep –

Evangelization –

Christian Service – Marlene Brown

D R E – Margie Smith

Principal –

Youth Ministry – Randy Husaynu,

AOD Facilitator - Dcn. Bill Kolarik

Vicar – Fr. Joe Horn

Vicar Secretary – Catherine Wullaert

AOD Regional Coordinator of Evangelization

Visitor:

Meeting started at 7:10 PM

Review / Approval: Minutes approved by consensus

Hospitality / Meeting INFO Calendar for 2013-2014

<u>Date</u>	<u>Hospitality</u>	<u>Leader / Reader</u>
Dec. 11, 2013	Our Lady on the River	
Feb. 12, 2014	St. Edwards	
March 12, 2014	St. Augustine	
April 9, 2014	St. Mary, St. Clair	
May 14, 2014	St. Christopher	
June 11, 2014	Immaculate Conception	

Vicar's Report

Matthew Kelly Event

- There will be a follow up meeting with the coordinators
- There are four sponsoring parishes which are Immaculate Conception, Holy Family, Our Lady on the River, and Holy Trinity
- There are only 800 tickets available for this event. The cost is \$39 each. Tickets will be available to the parishes soon and tickets can be purchased online at dynamiccatholic.com.
- Name of the presentation is "Passion and Purpose"
- Part of the Blue Water Vicariate All staff meeting will be reserved to speaking about this event right after lunch when parish staff members can hear more about it.

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BWV Penance Services

- The Advent Penance Services are scheduled for Tuesday, December 10th, Wednesday, December 11th, and Saturday, December 14th. Location and times will be forwarded soon.
- The Lenten Penance Services are scheduled for Tuesday, April 8th, Wednesday, April 9th, and Saturday, April 12th.
- These are intended so that each parish does not have to have a Communal Penance Service availing the Vicariate priest to come together, planned, to offer the sacrament to all those who want it.

Archbishop

- Has decided to form a committee to revisit the Catholic Service Appeal.

Cardinal Mooney High School

- It is being reviewed as to how the school is connected to the Vicariate. Also looking at who is the Pastor delegate.
- Currently working on a governance plan

November 13th BWV Meeting

- This meeting will be set aside to offer Parish Life training for the whole region
- Training will go over the revisions in the Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Financial Council, Evangelization Committee, Worship Commission, Stewardship, Christian Service and Education
- This fulfills a goal of Together In Faith – Parish Leadership Training
- This is open for anyone and is recommended for anyone already serving on one of the commissions or committees
- There have been numerous revisions so new books will be offered
- Registration is needed to attend
- Advertisements are currently being worked on and should be available by next week
- Hospitality will be simple and be handled by Holy Family

No Reports were submitted

- **APC –**
 - **Hispanic Ministry** - No report
 - **Evangelization –**
 - Healing Mass is November 8th sponsored by Holy Trinity and will be held at St. Stephens in Port Huron. Confessions at 6:15 pm, Liturgy at 7:00 pm, Adoration
 - Asking the Vicariate and Fr. Joe is to get the priests on board and to get as many as possible to attend to offer Reconciliation, help celebrate mass, or just be in attendance for prayer

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- A committee is meeting with Fr. Brian Cokonougher
- Advertisements will be handed to all the parishes so that is all similar.
- Asked that the prayer the success prayer intention be added to the prayers of the faithful and to read "That the Lord may bless the healing of mind body or spirit of all that will be attending the healing Mass on November 8th"

- **DRE** –
- **Principle** –
- **Youth Ministry** Nothing pressing to report
- **Right to Life** – No one present to report

New Business:

Old Business:

Prison Ministry

- This was brought up at the BWV Clergy meeting
- Recommended to assist are Tom Tory, Deacon Tim Maxwell, and Fr. Joe Gagnon
- Deacon Tim Maxwell share he would be happy to be a point man if that is what the BWV council wanted
- Deacon Mike Chesley is happy to assist in any way he can.

Open Forum:

Deacon Bill Kolarik has not received any comments on the revised Together In Faith Planning groups.

Many receive a hard copy of the revision

Fr. Joe will share the document electronically for review

Send comments to Deacon Bill

Annual Chicken dinner will be taking place this Sunday at St. Stephens

Our Lady on the River will be having their Harvest dinner this Sunday

The "Ask a Priest" live at SMQOC went very well. Fr. Nick will be doing the next one which is scheduled for Nov. 25th

It was asked that the upcoming Ministry Training be emailed out to the BWV members.

Action Items

Meeting ended at 9:12 pm closing with prayer.

Blue Water Vicariate Pastoral Council Meeting Notes

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Report Submitted:

Regional Vocation Coordinator Report

October 9, 2013

New AOD Seminarian poster

By now, every parish should have received at least one brand new AoD Seminarian poster. If you have not, please contact the Archdiocesan Vocation Office of Priestly Formation at (313) 237-5875. The poster features all 44 of our seminarians, studying for the Archdiocese. Pray for them and even consider adopting one of the seminarians as a parish! It could be one of the men who is a parishioner at one of your neighboring parishes or who has interned there. Have your Parish Vocation Committee involved in writing a letter of support for him along with your intentions to pray for him during his studies (and beyond)!

Upcoming Dates

Oct 11/12 High School Discernment Overnight @ SHMS (not too late to register)
(Friday 4 p.m. - Saturday 4 p.m.)

A shorter version of a Discernment Weekend specifically structured for High School students who might appreciate some exposure to the seminary. For young men between the ages of 14 – 17.

Oct 26/27 Priesthood Sunday

Not only is it a day for you to honor the priest(s) at your parish, but also for your parish priest(s) to share his vocation story during the homily. While it is nice to hear from the people "how nice the homily was," we should be encouraged instead to remind the priest of your prayers for him.

Oct 31-Nov 3 Discernment Weekend @ SHMS

(Thursday 5 p.m. – Sunday 12 p.m.)

Men will have the unique opportunity to interact with the seminarians; be exposed to the seminary schedule, attend classes; discuss a priestly calling with other men like themselves; learn about discernment and most importantly, spend time in prayer with the seminary community. For men ages 18 – 55.

Nov 2-Nov 8 National Vocation Awareness Week

This is a wonderful opportunity for parishes to be united throughout the United States in bringing more of an awareness concerning what a vocation is and the importance of discovering it in our lives. Suggested venues would include a Mass for Vocations, a Holy Hour dedicated to promoting vocations, a rosary prayed by the parish each day that week for vocations, etc. More ideas and how to implement them can be found in the Archdiocesan resource that was entrusted to each parish, "Do Whatever He Tells You."

Nov 13 [Wed] High School Vocation Day [9:30am – 1:00pm]

Please call the Archdiocesan Vocation Offices for further information.

Dec 5 [Thurs] Archbishop Guest Dinner

If you know of any men ages 16 years and older who would be interested in the priesthood, please invite them to consider attending this dinner with their parish priest or with a member from the Parish Vocation Committee (if he is unavailable). The evening will begin with solemn evening prayer at 6:30pm and dinner at 7:00pm (it's free) followed by a short program. The night will conclude at 8:30pm. Encourage your priest(s) to take some of these men to the dinner. To register, please call the Archdiocesan Vocation Office.

For more information about any of these events or on how to electronically acquire the materials from "Do Whatever He Tells You," please visit <http://www.detroitpriest.com/>