

2019 Annual Report

Commission on Ministry

The Diocese of Central Pennsylvania

The Commission on Ministry serves to provide advice and counsel to the Bishop on all matters pertaining to the ordination process. The Commission also assists the Bishop in the formation of those members of our diocese who are called to both lay and ordained ministries. This year the Commission interviewed fourteen people who have entered the formal discernment process but have not yet been received as Candidates for Ordination. The present membership of the Commission includes five priests, one deacon, and six lay persons.

The Commission meetings are held monthly. The Commission also conducts a winter retreat in which all Postulants and Candidates participate. The Co-Vice-Chairs of the Commission meet with the Bishop on a regular basis. Members of the Commission serve as “companions” for Postulants and Candidates as they make their way through the ordination process.

This year the Commission joined members of the Standing Committee and the staff of the Stevenson School for Ministry for three “Leadership Retreats.” Discussion in these meetings focused on the changing roles of both ordained and lay leaders in today’s church and the process through which men and women are prepared for these responsibilities.

The following actions were taken by the Bishop since the 2019 Annual Convention:

Ordained to the Diaconate	Stacey Catigano
Ordained to the Priesthood:	Kyle Murphy Stacey Catigano
Accepted as Candidates	Alyssa Pasternak-Post Kevin Barron Ted Christopher Allison Carnahan Will Robbins

Respectfully submitted, Ms. Mary Novello and Dr. Bruce H. Johnson
Co-Vice Chairs of the Commission on Ministry