

Executive Committee Minutes June 2007

Opening Prayer was said by Al McLaughlin

1. Deacon John McKenna gave the Council an update on the health of Deacona Ed Campanella and Ed Porter. Both men were recovering from their illnesses.
2. Deacon Joe Yandoli spoke about the Annulment Procedures and Forms. He also told the Council that the New By-laws would be ready for final review at the next meeting.
3. A lengthy discussion took place concerning the November Convocation. Committees (Promotion, Logistic, Registration, and Liturgy) were formed to enhance the promotion and running of the days events. Other deacons were invited to attend the meeting and report to the Council on the plans they made concerning the Convocation. Discussion was held on the role and responsibility of each committee. There will be a letter sent from the Archbishop to all the deacons in which he will strongly encourage them to attend this day of prayer, reflection, and hospitality. The general outline of the day would include:

A. Registration/ breakfast

B. Morning Prayer and a reflection

C. First Presentation by guest speaker

D. Lunch

E. Second Presentation by the guest speaker

F. Break-out sessions by counties to speak about the importance of support groups. An outline was presented and agreed upon on the material to be covered in this session. Wives will also have a breakout session that will be presented by Diana Traflet.

G. Evaluation Form to be filled out

H. Liturgy

The Council will ask the Archbishop to send a communique to the pastors to release all deacons from performing their normal parish/facility assignments for the entire weekend of the Convocation. Included in the message will be a request for all parishes in the Archdiocese to pray for deacons and this beautiful vocation.

I. The Council encourages more support group meetings to be held. Deacon Luis Lorza invited Council members to attend the Spanish Deacons' Support Group meetings which are held on the First Tuesday of the month at 7:30 in the Archdiocesan Center.

J. The meeting concluded with a closing prayer led by Deacon John McKeon

The next meeting will be **August 23rd at 7:00 in the Archdiocesan Center**