

Council of the Conference of Deacons

Archdiocese of Hartford

January 8, 2011

I. 9-9:15 Sharing (see attached epistle)

II. 9:15-11 Meeting

Agenda

- Review of previous meeting's minutes
- Treasurer's Report
- Deacon's Wives Report
- Old Business, excluding projects
 - Meeting of Regional Coordinators on the future of the diaconate
 - Trends (social, priests, seminarians, lay ministry...)
 - Implementation of Appreciative Inquiry model
 - Questionnaire to be completed at the annual Deacons' Retreat- tabled for future meeting – is now the time?
- Project Reports
 - Vocations
 - Collaboration
 - Retired Deacons
 - Diaconal Spirituality
- New Business
 - COD Strategy Part 1
 - Identity (for review and comment)
The Conference of Deacons is composed of all deacons in the Archdiocese of Hartford. Deacons are members simply by virtue of their ordination. You cannot *not* be a member. Participation, though, is completely optional.

- **Mission (for review and comment)**

The mission of the CCOD is twofold:

1. To advise the Director of Deacons about what's going on in the lives of deacons and their families, and to advise deaneries about what's going on in the life of the larger church that affects them.
2. To propose projects to be undertaken to address issues and opportunities that affect the diaconate in general. With the approval of the director, projects are launched and managed to conclusion.

The CCOD doesn't share the director's authority, and has no directive authority with regard to any particular deacon. Its role is simply to be an information conduit and a project management resource.

- **Values (new)**

- Director's Report
- Open Discussion
- Closing Prayer

Reflection Reading (Acts 10:34-38)

Peter proceeded to speak to those gathered in the house of Cornelius, saying:

“In truth, I see that God shows no partiality.

Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him.”

“You know the word that he sent to the Israelites as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all, what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.”

Discussion starters (use one or more, or choose your own)

1. How do we reflect the impartiality of which Peter speaks in our ministry?
2. How have you seen God proclaiming peace through our ministry?
3. In what ways do we “do good” and heal all those oppressed by the devil?