

Commission on Ministry

The Commission On Ministry is charged with determining needs for ministry and supporting the ministry of all the Baptized. Commission members are appointed by the Bishop and approved by Diocesan Convention. In 2009, the Commission On Ministry welcomed six new members who have served faithfully for the last year. This year, one member will rotate off, along with the Commission Chair, the Rev. Canon René Somodevilla. A new Chair, the Rev. Sean Ferrell, has been appointed by the Bishop to begin his term no later than the 2010 Convention.

At its annual gathering, the Commission interviewed four persons that had finished their Diocesan Discernment Committee work, and recommended three to continue in the process towards Ordination. The Commission also interviewed six persons who wanted to begin their discernment process towards the Ordained Ministry. These interviews resulted in different recommendations to the Bishop by the Commission for each person. Four Diocesan Discernment Committees have been formed to begin their work immediately. Three committees will work with nominees looking at the Priesthood, and one committee with a nominee looking at the Vocational Diaconate.

This past year saw the Ordinations of Gayle McCarty, Clarisse Schroeder, and Randy McCloy to the Diaconate.