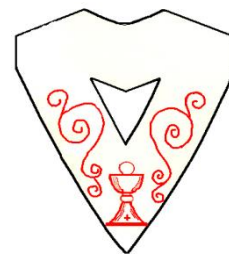




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MESSAGE FROM THE COMMISSION

The Commission met for the first time following the pandemic on Saturday 11th March 2023. That is exactly two years since the meeting on the Saturday before the lockdown. We have not been completely idle in all that time as we have been busy reviewing the handbook to ensure that it reflected the current training and practice and is easier to find the text on any particular topic. The printed version of this book should be available in September this year ready for the Formation courses.

Two Formation courses were run in 2022 with the Bishop Commissioning 41 Ministers on 19th November 2022. Formation courses and commissioning have been booked for this year (see below).

Due to predicted bad weather conditions this meeting was held on line for the first time ever. Whilst we all missed the personal contact of an in person meeting, the meeting was very successful and we appreciated not having to travel long distances across the diocese to attend. As a result we have agreed to hold the July meeting on line.

During the meeting Canon Don Bowdren retired as Chair of the Commission and handed over to Canon Philip Ziomek. Fr Philip Thanked Canon Don for his years of service.

There are vacancies on the Commissions not least the position of Secretary and county representatives who serve for a period of four years. Here is a summary of the duties required for these positions: -

Secretary

In conjunction with the Chair: -

- Book Commission Meetings. Normally March, June and November each year.
- Arrange Agenda and circulate to Commission Members.
- Take Minutes of Commission meetings and circulate minutes to Commission members and the Bishop.
- Provide details for the Diocesan Year Book.
- Assist the Chair with any reports required by the Diocese.
- Annual report of the Commission for the Newsletter.
- Point of contact for general correspondence and queries.

County Representatives

- Maintain an up-to-date list "Active" and "No longer Active" Ministers within their County and Deanery Groups.
- Advise the Director of Aftercare of any changes in status of a commissioned minister to enable the central records to be kept up to date especially the Book of Remembrance.
- Arrange Diocesan Renewal Days. Every fourth year each county in turn should invite the Bishop to lead the Day and be the main speaker.
- Arrange County Renewal Days.
- Maintain a list of Parish Contacts and initiate the replacement of Parish Contacts when needed.
- Ensure that Parish Priests are kept fully informed – normally via the Parish Contacts.
- Inform the Editor of the Book of Remembrance of additional names for inclusion, send a memorial

card and endeavour to ensure that the Commission is represented at the funeral.

- Budget for their County activities.

Your county will inform you of these when they send out the invites for the Renewal Days. We look forward to welcoming some new members following the Renewal Days. None of these positions requires full time involvement and generally only require input of a few days/ hours a year.

CANON PHILIPP ZIOMEK : COMMISSION CHAIRMAN.

Dear Friends,

You and I are at the forefront of the Great Commission of the Lord that will be echoed again at the Solemnity of the Ascension; “Go out and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and know that I am with you always. Yes, even to the end of time.

So often we are caught up in the web and weave of time and space, that the necessary stillness exemplified by the Lord can be lost in the cares of the immediate in our lives. Be encouraged to find just that little bit of space each day; that necessary moment of prayerful engagement to listen to the voice of the Father, that like the Lord, we too as Ministers of the Great Commission find, “my food is to do the will of my Father in Heaven”. Then we shall live up to our baptismal calling, so recently renewed at the mother of All Vigils; that of Easter itself.

The proclamation of the Apostles after the Resurrection surely is found in the words, “we ate and drank with Him after His resurrection”. Isn’t that what Mother Church invites of all of her children in life’s journey? Isn’t that what we do every time we come to the Divine Eucharist? So, we are caught up in the Eternal Present in the great miracle of the Eucharistic Sacrifice. A moment when time itself is stilled, and the beloved children of God are immediate and one with the Father, fulfilling the prayer of Jesus Himself at the first celebration of the miracle of changing bread and wine into the Body & Blood of the Saviour, that we become participant in the eternal day of the Resurrection. Thus, every time we celebrate the Mass, time stands still, and we caught up in the mystery of Redemption; we eat and drink with Him after His resurrection in the same way that the first Apostles did. Enriched with such an encounter, surely, we can understand the urgency of the Lord, when addressing Mary of Magdalene; “Do not cling to me but go! Tell the brothers, I go before them into Galilee”. Our task is to assist others to know the Galilee of their lives. To go into that future knowing that the Lord has walked before us and continues to lead us to The Father.

Easter is that wonderful time when Heaven and earth are united. Your ministry brings that wonderful union every time you raise the Sacred Host and utter those beautiful words: “The Body of Christ”. It is then dear friends, that we all eat and drink with Him after His resurrection, proclaiming His redeeming death, until the moment of His return to take us with Him. Have a happy Eastertide these next forty days.

It only remains for me to thank so many who over the last thirty plus years have established this tremendous ministry in the Diocese of Nottingham through our Commission, and to pray the Lord’s blessing upon all of you who so joyfully work so hard with Him, to the Father’s Glory. May the Holy Spirit be our inspiration, guide and counsellor as we grow deeper in the mystery of the Divine Love shown to us in Jesus Christ. Bless you all.

PS Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion were commissioned in this Diocese from 1978 and Canon Philip joined the EM Commission in 1997 as its Vice Chair..

COUNTY RENEWAL DAYS 2022

As you are aware all County Renewal Days for 2021 were cancelled for 2021 due to COVID and its restrictions. However the Nottinghamshire day that had been planned for the Bishop to be present was able to be reorganised for 2022. This was the only Renewal Day that was held that year. And a report on the Nottinghamshire day follows.

RENEWAL DAYS 2023

The following renewals Days have been organised for 2023. Your County will be issuing you the usual invitations and further details in the near future if not already done.

- Derbyshire 17th June at St Anne's; Buxton.
- Leicestershire 24th June at St Peter; Hinckley
- Lincolnshire 16th September at Our Lady of Lincoln; Lincoln
- Nottinghamshire 20th May at the Holy Trinity; Newark

We hope that one of these dates will be suitable for you and you will be able to attend even if it is not in your normal county area.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY REPORT

2022 saw the return of the our Renewal Day, the first since 2019. It was a joy for those of us who were able to come together on the day and we certainly kept those of you who were unable to join us in our thoughts and prayers.

As always, we would like to thank the Parish Representatives for distributing information regarding the Renewal Day and helping with updating the parish lists. A thank you also to those Extraordinary Ministers who stepped up and distributed information to others when we discovered that Parish contacts had sadly died in the interim time. Thank you also to those attendees on the day who corrected lists for us and left emails so that we were able to update contact details for Lead Ministers in the various parishes. Communication is crucial in our roles so please continue to inform us of any changes.

Nottinghamshire Renewal Day last year (2022) was held at the Becket School. The date originally set for 2020 had to be changed twice because of COVID. Fortunately Bishop Patrick, who was to be our Celebrant and Lead Speaker on the day was most understanding of our situation and thankfully after several lockdowns we were able to finalise the date . A huge thank you Bishop Patrick and Fr Simon

We would also like to thank the Becket School for agreeing a realistic hire price for the venue, taking into consideration the reduced number of Extraordinary Ministers who were able to attend.

Bishop Patrick led the day for us with the celebration of Mass followed by a talk on Prayer as Perseverance in Love; this was truly inspirational with some wonderful slides to accompany the talk. Please do contact us if you would like a copy of the talk and slides (ann@perkeo.co.uk) .

Despite his heavy schedule Bishop Patrick was able to join us for part of our lunch time chatting with many of the Extraordinary Ministers before he left.

Canon Bowdren, unfortunately was unable to join us in person but sent us a very encouraging message and a reminder of the need to support the secretariat.

After lunch we met once again in the chapel for Holy Hour which was led by the team.. The many encouraging and supportive comments at the end of the day from those of you who attended, made all the preparation and rearranging worthwhile . It was good to be able to come together again with very dear colleagues and friends who share this wonderful Ministry. Thank you to all who were able to attend.

This year we will celebrate our Renewal Day at Holy Trinity Church Newark on Saturday 20th May 2023

Registration time is 10:15am with the start of our programme set for 11am . Tea or Coffee will be provided but please bring along a packed lunch.

Concluding and departing for home will be 3.20pm.approx. The day will be led by Fr Frank Daly and promises to be another inspiring day focusing on issues very relevant to the Extraordinary Minister

Letters have been sent to Parish contacts and we would urge you to send returns as soon as possible to enable us to manage the provision of drinks and the organisation of the hall.

Thank you from all of the team and looking forward to meeting many of you in Newark.

Ann, David, Carmel & Stewart

REMINDER

Those who were commissioned in 2019 will need to have their faculty renewed by their parish priest if they wish to continue as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Once it has been renewed it is valid indefinitely.

POINTS OF CONTACT

If you have any queries, comments, suggestions or notifications of deceased Ministers please contact one of the people listed below: -

| Position / Name | Address | |
|----------------------------------|---|--|
| Secretary Position Vacant | Contact Searle Clark 75 Horsegate Deeping St James Peterborough PE6 8EW | Tel: 01778 345389 Email searle.clark@btinternet.com |
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| Derbyshire Mrs Frances Wickes | 35 Swinerby Drive Oakwood Derby DE21 4RN | Tel: 07951 143648 fran@brightshark.co.uk |
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A full list of the Secretariat members is given in the yearbook.

FORMATION

In 2022 we were aware of the need for some new ministers but not the level of demand. Initially we planned on holding one Formation Weekend but in the end there were sufficient applicants for two, so a second was arranged.

The first weekend was held at Holy Trinity Newark on 8th-9th October followed a week later by the weekend at the Rosmini Centre, Radcliffe. The Commissioning was at the Cathedral on 17th November when Bishop Patrick commissioned 41 new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

Two Formation courses have been booked for 2023: -

- 2nd-3rd September at Newark
- 9-10th September at Rosmini Centre, Ratcliffe.

Application forms were distributed to the Clergy earlier in April. Applications open until August.

Commissioning will be by the Bishop on November 18th at the Cathedral.

If we get a HUGE number of applications we have some contingency for an additional weekend.

ITEMS FOR SALE

Whenever you wish to purchase anything from the Commission for Extraordinary Ministries, whether at Diocesan or County level, please make your cheque out to NRCDT.

The following items may be purchased: -

| Item | Cost | Availability | Apply to |
|---|--------|---------------------------------|--|
| Scapulars | £15.00 | limited stock | Damian Norton, 8 Bramble Bank, Manor Croft, Glossop, Derbyshire. SK13 8TR Tel: 01457 858303 Email: damian.norton@live.co.uk |
| EM Handbook | £5.00 | New version from September 2023 | Searle Clark, 75 Horsegate, Deeping St James, Peterborough. PE6 8EW Tel: 01778 345389 |
| Communion to the Sick Book | £3.00 | In stock | Email: searle.clark@btinternet.com |
| Celebration of Word and Communion by a Lay Person and an EM | £3.00 | In stock | |

RESOURCES AVAILABLE ELECTRONICALLY

Diocesan Website

The new diocesan website is dioceseofnottingham.uk . The information has been presented in a different form and will take a little while to get used to. Our Commission information is to be found under the Information Tab at the top of the page. The Diocesan Ordo can be found under Information / Liturgical Commission on the opening page.

Service Card for CWAC

The Commission have prepared a service card for use by the members of the congregation. It is similar in format to the Mass Card, and has been approved by the EM Commission and the Diocesan Liturgy Commission for use in the Diocese of Nottingham. It provides the responses, both for when a Deacon or a Lay person is leading the service and includes the various texts for the Song of Thanksgiving.

The card is in PDF format ready for printing on two sides of an A4 sheet and folding into an A5 card.

Should you require such copy please contact searle.clark@btinternet.com.

Retirement Certificate

Some parishes have wished to mark the retirement of their Extraordinary Ministers. We have therefore prepared a certificate that can be presented on such an occasion. If one is required in your parish please send your request to searle.clark@btinternet.com with details of your parish and the name of the minister. A certificate will then be emailed back to you for you to print out. It will only need the signature of your Parish Priest.

The Diocesan Ordo 2022-23

This can be found on the diocesan website

<https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/departments/commissions> under Liturgical.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Please remember all deceased Extraordinary Ministers in your prayers, especially the following whose names were added to the Book of Remembrance since the last newsletter in May 2021.

| Name | Parish | Deceased |
|---------------------------|---|---------------------|
| Margaret Robinson | St Anne - Buxton | 27th April 2021 |
| Peter Nicholas Galley | Our Lady of Lourdes - Mickleover | 18th December 2020 |
| Flora Robbins | Corpus Christi - Cleethorpes (Most Holy & Undevided Trinity Parish) | 7th May 2021 |
| Anne Rochford | St Hugh - Borrowash | 10th October 2018 |
| Peter Rochford | St Hugh - Borrowash | 19th August 2020 |
| Eileen Hopkins | The Assumption - Beeston | 24th February 2021 |
| Elizabeth Reilly | The Assumption - Beeston | 30th October 2020 |
| Norma Brennan | The Assumption - Beeston | 29th May 2020 |
| Adrian Glover | St Joseph the Worker - Sutton in Ashfield | 19th June 2021 |
| Pat Feeny | St John Fisher & St Thomas More - Chapel-en-le-Frith | 30th June 2021 |
| Margaret (Rita) Gregory | Our Lady of Lourdes - Mickleover | 26th July 2021 |
| Alma Hopkinson | St Joseph - Shirebrook | 10th September 2021 |
| Angela Burke | St Philip Neri - Mansfield | 10th March 2021 |
| Justina Williams | Nottingham - Cathedral | 28th February 2022 |
| Marie Gibson Page | St Philip Neri - Mansfield | 12th December 2020 |
| Gabriel Pinot De Moita | St Philip Neri - Mansfield | 29th July 2021 |
| John Patrick (Paddy) Kyne | St Philip Neri - Mansfield | 2nd October 2021 |
| Cecilia Parker | St Mary - Louth | 19th February 2022 |
| Sonia Pike | St John the Apostle - Stapleford | 15th October 2020 |
| Fred Harvey | St Mary and The Annunciation - Marple Bridge | 3rd May 2022 |
| Anne Balfe | St Mary - Nottingham | 12th July 2021 |
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|--------------------------------------|---|---------------------|
| Sr Eileen Lyons | St Mary - Nottingham | 15th December 2021 |
| Mary Maginnis | St Paul - Nottingham | 15th January 2022 |
| Mary Burrows | Our Lady of Perpetual Succour - Nottingham Bulwell | 28th November 2018 |
| James (Jim) Stephen Turton | Our Lady Help of Christians - Kirkby-in-Ashfield | 25th December 2021 |
| Denis O'Neill | Our Lady Help of Christians - Kirkby-in-Ashfield | ? September 2021 |
| Ursula Mary Orgill | Our Lady Help of Christians - Kirkby-in-Ashfield | 28th September 2020 |
| Ugochi James Anyanwu | Nottingham - Cathedral | 24th July 2022 |
| Anne Marie Kerry | St Hugh of Lincoln - Bilborough | 15th February 2022 |
| Anne Theresa Carnell | St Margaret Clitheroe - Keyworth | 1st August 2020 |
| Catherine Farby | St Anne - Radcliffe on Trent | 15th February 2022 |
| Joan Maria Blair | Corpus Christi - Nottingham Clifton | 29th October 2021 |
| William Lester | Corpus Christi - Clifton Nottingham | 17th December 2020 |
| Alfred Joseph Jackson | The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus - Nottingham Carlton | 17th April 2020 |
| Catherine Bates | The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus - Nottingham Carlton | 9th January 2021 |
| Margaret Deane | The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus - Nottingham Carlton | 11th August 2020 |
| Judith Martin | Immaculate Conception & St Norbert - Spalding | 25th August 2022 |
| Francis Treanor | St Mary - Louth | 9th June 2022 |
| Vincent Byrne | St Peter & St Paul - Grimsby; Parish of The Most Holy and Undivided Trinity | 18th January 2022 |
| Michael Collins | Corpus Christi - Cleethorpes; Parish of The Most Holy and Undivided Trinity | 14th February 2022 |
| David Francis Attewell | St Teresa of Lissieux - Aspley | 18th October 2022 |
| Margaret Brennan Margaret Brennan | St Hugh of Lincoln - Bilborough | 20th January 2023 |
| Winifred Buchan | English Martyrs - Derby | 4th February 2023 |
| Fred Kadzevski | St Anne - Buxton | 28th February 2023 |
| Sheila Harvey | St Mary & The Annunciation - Marple Bridge | 21st February 2023 |

Some of the listed Ministers died over a year ago but we have only received notification during the past year. *Eternal rest grant to them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.*

We try whenever possible to send a condolence card to the next of kin and for a member of the Secretariat to be present at the funeral. This is only possible if we are notified promptly of a Minister's death.

Please also remember in your prayers all those Ministers throughout the Diocese who are no longer enjoying good health especially those who are suffering serious illness.

If you know of a Minister who has died recently and is not mentioned above please let Searle Clark know (email searle.clark@btinternet.com) or a member of the Commission.