

CANON FOR ORDAINED VOCATIONS AND RECOVERY MINISTRIES

I continue to serve as Chaplain for Recovery Ministries, Chaplain to the Mon Valley Initiative, deployment of clergy, and am often the point person for difficult pastoral issues.

Bishop Dorsey McConnell and I continue to develop the 2-year \$60,000 grant from the Widows Corporation for Addiction Ministries.

Activities for Deployment

September 2019 – Worked on getting the Rev. William “Biff” Carpenter to St. Francis in the Fields, Somerset, as part of a successful team effort with the Rev. Canon Kim Karashin (LOA) and Kathi Workman (financial). My contribution was attaching St. Bartholomew’s, Scottdale, to the agreement.

October 2019 - Jonathan Rosnick as Lay Worship Leader in Charge to St. Paul’s Kittanning. A successful team effort by the Rev. Canon Kim Karashin (LOA) and Kathi Workman (financial). My contribution was the raising up and mentoring of Jonathan.

October 2019 - As Deployment Officer for the Diocese helped to post the full-time position for St. Andrews in Highland Park.

Activities for Mon Valley Mission

Continue to meet with Chaplain Michael Singer, the Rev. Brandon Mazingo and Pastor Chuck Schaller. Continue a grant/loan for support of a Recovery House to be placed in the former classrooms of St. Paul’s, Monongahela. The town council has already approved it for up to 8 men.

Activities for Addiction and Recovery

Currently between the Methodist of Fairhaven Church on Route 51 and St. Peter’s Brentwood we are housing 40 people each in their own room. This includes 29 men and 11 women (a baby and a 3-year-old toddler).

I have officially become a Chaplain with the City of Pittsburgh Police and we will be announcing trained *Recovery Chaplains* for the Diocese at the Convention.

I continue to facilitate a 12 Step Emotions Anonymous meeting at Trinity Seminary and to train the Western Pennsylvania Methodists and the Episcopal Diocese of Central PA

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Canon Dr. William “Jay” Geisler
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