

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

The work of the Commission on Ministry in 2021 began with its annual Ministry Conference, in conjunction with the Standing Committee. This year, because of the pandemic, the conference was held virtually, which, for a variety of reasons, was not our first choice. We interviewed individuals seeking holy orders and sent our recommendations to the Bishop. COM liaisons have been in contact with those in formation. The purpose of the liaisons is to provide an open line of communication so that the COM may provide support or answer questions. Benjamin Sanchez was received as a priest from the Roman Catholic tradition; Luigi Mandile was ordained to the vocational diaconate in June; and Lindsey Ardrey, Lynn Hooks, and Allison Reid were ordained to the priesthood in July. All are now serving in their respective postings. At present, we have eight people in preparation for holy orders (five in theological seminary and three at the Iona School for Ministry). The pandemic has affected all of us, of course, but the COM has continued to meet as needed via Zoom. The Diocese of Louisiana is well served by a very hard-working and perceptive Commission on Ministry, and I am grateful to each and every member of the Commission for their ministry among us.

Respectfully submitted,
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