

# One Family in Mission

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## Office of Parish Stewardship

We are pleased to present our July issue of **ONE FAMILY IN MISSION** newsletter. We invite you - as part of that **FAMILY** - to share articles, best practices and any other items that you believe would benefit our community of Stewards. Please send them to tzalud@drvc.org.

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## Called to Evangelize

Last month, on Saturday, June 18th, 2022, Father's Day weekend, the Lord of the Harvest graciously called, and three young men, *Transitional Deacons Louis Cona, Christopher Heller, and Stephen Rooney*, humbly answered "Yes" to becoming ordained priests forever.

On any day of any year, priestly ordination is a blessing beyond compare—for the ordained, as well as for the people to whom they will minister in the Person of Christ. In as much as our DRVC, in concert with all her sister dioceses throughout the country, launched a three-year Eucharistic Revival on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (a.k.a. the Feast of Corpus Christi), the same weekend as the threefold ordinations and the celebration of the newly ordained priests' first Masses, the liturgical timing of this year's priestly ordination takes on a special testimony. For, as Pope St. John Paul II often reminded: the priesthood exists for the service of the Eucharist, which the Church describes as the "source and summit" of our Faith.

What the ordination of these three men means to us in this time and place, then, is a renewed and invigorated call within our personal lay commitment to be disciples of Dramatic Missionary Growth to be what our local ordinary, Bishop Barres, terms "**Eucharistic Evangelizers.**" ...How might we do that?

We might exercise our stewardship pillar of **Prayer** by asking the Lord for whom we might pray to answer His call to priesthood, as well as to answer His Sunday—and everyday call-- to personally meet Him in the Eucharist, in the spirit of joyful thanksgiving, not woeful obligation.

Attuned to the Holy Spirit's inspirations, we might show Eucharistic **Hospitality** by inviting someone to accompany us to Mass, especially as a way of giving thanks for a

milestone in their lives—and if we are brave enough, to join us, too, in first meeting the Lord in the Sacrament of Reconciliation in humble preparation for being united with His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity in Holy Communion.

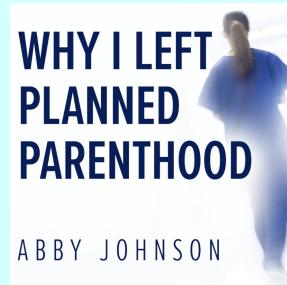
We might be witnesses of Eucharistic **Formation** by our humble faith-based replies to skeptics and naysayers of the Real Eucharistic Presence, and if we are unclear or in doubt ourselves, we might avail ourselves of the counsel of a priest or various formation resources that will be offered during the Revival. Let us also pray for all the youth in our parishes, that they may be formed well in the Faith and have an unwavering faith in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

As a matter of **Service**, we can request a Mass be said for our loved ones (living or deceased!). By doing so, we are doing a great service to our loved ones' souls.

Praise God for Fathers Cona, Heller, and Rooney, assigned to the parishes of St. Therese of Lisieux, Montauk; St. Dominic, Oyster Bay; and, Notre Dame, New Hyde Park, respectively. And praise God, too, that through them and all their brother priests here on Long Island, Jesus remains with us always, precisely as He promised, especially in the Holy Eucharist!

## Formed Stewardship Content of the Month

Each month, our office suggests Stewardship content from Formed.org that will help you grow in the faith! If you are not signed up with Formed.org, check with your parish to see if they have a subscription. This month, we recommend "Why I Left Planned Parenthood".



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