



2020 ANNUAL REPORTS TO CONVENTION

THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF WESTERN LOUISIANA

ADDICTION AND RECOVERY

No report submitted.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees meets four times a year. Currently we meet at least once in person at the Diocesan House in Pineville. When not meeting in person, we meet via Zoom Video Communications.

The canonical responsibility of the Board of Trustees is to invest and reinvest the funds and securities for the Diocese and for those parishes and missions that have entrusted funds with us. The professional advisors of the Board of Trustees are Bo Smithwick, Jr. of Merrill Lynch and Greg Dvorocsik of BlackRock Private Investors. We continue to be pleased with these able investment advisors.

At our meetings, Bishop Owensby gives us his perspective of the future of the Diocese and how the Board of Trustees can assist him in achieving his objectives.

The members of the Board of Trustees are Gray Easterling (Treasurer), Will Harp (Assistant Treasurer), Steve Skrivanos, Foster Walker, III, Virginia Paul, Patrick Caraway and Mary Shaddock Jones. These members freely give their time and advice for which we are truly grateful.

We give special thanks to Kathy Richey, Missioner for Administration and Finance and to Bishop Owensby for hosting us so agreeably at the Diocesan House.

We are always mindful of our responsibility for the significant accounts managed for parishes, missions, schools and other entities of the Diocese, including Camp Hardtner.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen R. Yancey, II, Chair

THE BELOVED COMMUNITY

No report submitted.

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

The Chancellor's office has seen a fairly quiet year. I have consulted with the Bishop on several routine canonical matters through 2019. The Diocese participated in one 2019 real estate transaction involving property in Crowley, Louisiana. There is no ongoing or threatened litigation against the Diocese at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle McInnis, Chancellor

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

The Commission on Christian Formation sponsors one or two annual events that promote Christian growth. On Sept 28, 2019, the Way of Love: Evangelism Summit featuring The Rev. Canon Stephanie Spellers - Canon to the Presiding Bishop for Evangelism, Reconciliation and Stewardship of Creation was held at Camp Hardtner. The engaging practical workshop offered basic training in the spiritual practice of evangelism as well as the Way of Love. An estimated 100 people were in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Whelan, Chair

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

The website, www.episcopalchurch.org says, “The functions of Commissions on Ministry specified in the canon (III.1) are to assist the bishop ‘in determining present and future needs for ministry in the diocese’ and to assist ‘in enlisting and selecting persons for Holy Orders.’ ... They interview candidates prior to their ordination as deacons and may interview candidates prior to their ordination as priests, if requested by the bishop, reporting to the bishop in each case....”

Your current members are: The Rev. Mary Richard, The Rev. Lois Maberry, The Very Rev. Rich Snow, Nancy Wade, The Rev. Suzanne Wolfenbarger, Marybeth McVie, Katie Chapman and Will Harp. The Rev. Canon John Bedingfield assists with staff support. We are thankful for the faithful dedication and professionalism of everyone serving on this committee.

The Diocese currently has people involved in preparation for the diaconate or priesthood, at traditional seminaries, commuter seminaries, and local formation programs. In addition, there are several Congregational Discernment Groups around the Diocese which completed and submitted their reports to the Office of the Bishop this past year.

We give thanks to God that this past year, Bishop Jake ordained Brooks Boylan, Garrett Boyte, Lee Jefferson, and Meg Lovejoy to the priesthood on June 19, 2019. On December 14, 2019 Andrew Armond and Laurent De Prins were ordained to the transitional diaconate and Michael Parham was ordained to the permanent diaconate on October 19, 2019.

Over the course of the last year, the Commission has met with and recommended Postulancy for John Campbell, Katy Campbell and Madeleine Rebouche.

Anyone interested in the discernment process should discuss their interest with their rector/vicar/priest-in-charge and review the Discernment Process Manual, which may be downloaded from the diocesan website. If you have any questions regarding the work of the Commission on Ministry, please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the members of the COM.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Suzanne Wolfenbarger, Chair

COMMISSION ON SCHOOLS

The Episcopal Schools in our diocese are listed below. The Episcopal School of Acadiana is the only diocesan school.

Ascension Episcopal School, Lafayette

Enrollment at the end of last year	780
Current year enrollment	744
Current Faculty	
Full time	103
Part time	8
Total Faculty and Staff	143
Total Budget for this year	\$ 11,584,123
Grades Served	PK3 – 12th
Head of School:	Jeff Plunk
Head of School Email:	jplunk@ascensionbluegators.org
Web address:	www.ascensionbluegators.org

Epiphany Day School, New Iberia

Enrollment at the end of last year	102
Current year enrollment	96
Current Faculty	
Full time	9
Part time	10
Total Faculty and Staff	25
Total Budget for this year	\$ 807,900
Grades Served	PK3 – 5th
Interim Head of School:	Dr. Cheryl Boutte
Head of School Email:	Cboutte@eds-ni.com
Web Address:	www.eds-ni.com

Bishop Noland Episcopal Day School, Lake Charles

Enrollment at the end of last year	375
Current year enrollment	404
Current Faculty	
Full time	34
Part time	5
Total Faculty and Staff	60
Total Budget for this year	\$ 3,705,596
Grades Served	PK2 – 8 th
Head of School:	The Rev. Frances “Boo” Kay
Head of School Email:	bkay@episcopaldayschool.org
Web Address:	www.episcopaldayschool.org

Episcopal School of Acadiana, Cade and Lafayette

Enrollment at the end of last year	616
Current year enrollment	607
Current Faculty	
Full-time	85
Part-time	6
Total Faculty and Staff	128
Total Budget for this year	\$ 9,622,712
Grades Served	PreK3-12
Head of the School:	Dr. Paul Baker, PhD
Head of School Email:	pbaker@esacadiana.com
Web Address:	www.esacadiana.com

COMMISSION ON SCHOOLS

Continued 2019-2020 report

Grace Episcopal School, Monroe

Enrollment at the end of last year	217
Current year enrollment	179
Current Faculty	
Full time teachers	18
Part time teachers	5
Total Faculty and Staff	32
Total Budget for this year	\$ 964,043
Grades Served	PK3 – 8th
Head of School:	Dr. Beth Ricks
Head of School Email:	bricks@graceepiscopal.org
Web Address:	www.graceepiscopal.org

St. Mark's Cathedral School, Shreveport

Enrollment at the end of last year	332
Current year enrollment	329
Current Faculty	
Full time	58
Part time	4
Total Faculty and Staff	62
Total Budget for this year	\$ 3,583,925
Grades Served	PS2 – 8 th
Head of School:	Dr. Christopher R. Carter, D. Min.
Email of School Head:	ccarter@sms.school
Web Address:	www.stmarksschool.com

St. James Day School, Alexandria

Enrollment at the end of last year	89
Current year enrollment	69
Current Faculty	
Full time	15
Part time	4
Total Faculty and Staff	19
Total Budget for this year	\$ 426,450
Grades Served	6 weeks – 3 years
Head of School:	Rita Klock - Interim
Head of School Email:	sjedsdirector@saintjamesonline.org
Web Address:	www.saintjamesonline.org

St. Paul's Day School, Shreveport

Enrollment at the end of last year	175
Current year enrollment	182
Current Faculty	
Full time	0
Part time	20
Total Faculty and Staff	20
Total Budget for this year	\$ 539,485
Grades Served	PK3 – PK4+
Head of School:	Ms. JoAnn Rose
Head of School Email:	joann@stpauls-shreveport.org
Web Address:	www.stpaulsepis.org

COMMISSION ON SCHOOLS

Continued 2019-2020 report

Trinity Episcopal Preschool, Natchitoches

Enrollment at the end of last year	33
Current year enrollment	30
Current Faculty	
Full time	
Part time	5
Total Faculty and Staff	5
Total Budget for this year	\$ 135,291.00
Grades Served	PK3 – PK4
Head of School:	The Rev. Suzanne Wolfenbarger+
Head of School Email:	revsuzanne@trinityparish.info
Web Address:	trinityparish.info

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Frances “Boo” Kay+

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

No report submitted.

CONGREGATIONAL VITALITY

No report submitted.

CONSTITUTION AND CANONS

No report submitted.

CURSILLO

The Secretariat held it's 1st annual Cursillo Homecoming during the weekend of May 3rd-4th, 2019. It was a great success and Cursillitas from all over the Diocese seemed to have a great time. We are looking forward to the 2nd annual Cursillo Homecoming to be held in October 2020.

Cursillo #153 was held October 18th-20th at Camp Hardtner. There were 10 Pilgrims that attended the Cursillo weekend and of course it was the "Best Ever". Cursillo #154 will be held during the weekend of May 1st-3rd, 2020. The Lay Rector for #154 is Sandra Edwards.

If you are interested in more information about Cursillo, please visit our website www.wlacursillo.com.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Crouch, President of the Secretariat

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

No report submitted.

DIOCESAN COUNCIL

The Diocesan Council of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Louisiana meets on a quarterly basis on the second Tuesday of that month, unless there is not enough business to warrant a meeting. The Council has met three times since the 40th Annual Convention of the Diocese on March 9, 2019. The Council reviews the financial status of the diocese and prepares the annual budget to present at Diocesan Convention. The annual budget is approved by the Diocesan Council following the Convention. A verbal report from each of the Council departments and a report on the activities of various ministries of the diocese are given at every meeting. Representatives from each of the five convocations update the Council on activities taking place in their convocation.

During the 2019 – 2020 Term, the Diocesan Council acted on the following matters:

1. For the Annual Diocesan Giving, the Council approved the Finance Committee's movement to assess 10% of the current year's income as reflected in the annual budget of parishes and missions. Failure to comply will result in loss of vote at Convention.
2. At the request of Daniel Chapman, Director of Hardtner Camp and Conference Center, the Council approved a change in the Bylaws to extend membership to the Diocese of Louisiana.
3. The Council approved a movement from the Finance Committee to allow the Treasurer and Treasurer-elect to adjust staff salaries as needed.
4. The Provisional Budget was approved to be presented to the 2020 Diocesan Convention.
5. The sale of the donated unattached property belonging to Trinity, Natchitoches, was authorized.
6. Canon Gray Easterling, Diocesan Treasurer, and Nancy Shaw, Secretary of Convention, are retiring.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Barnes Shaw

DISASTER RELIEF

No report submitted.

DISCIPLINARY BOARD

No report submitted.

ECUMENICAL REPORT

Purpose: The Ecumenical Officers Fr. Wayne Carter and Madre Annie Etheredge serve as representatives of the Bishop and the Diocese in Ecumenical Dialogues and events at the local level through the Louisiana Interchurch Conference (LIC) of which we are members and at the national level through participation in the Episcopal Diocesan Ecumenical and Interreligious Officers (EDEIO) and the National Workshop on Christian Unity (NWCU). Fr. Carter is a member of the EDEIO Executive Committee. Both Fr. Carter and Madre Etheredge serve on the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee of the LIC and as members of the EDEIO. Fr. Carter and Madre Etheredge are regional coordinators for the LIC.

A breakfast for clergy in the Alexandria area was held for the celebration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU) was held on January 22, 2020 at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church and hosted by Fr. Dan O'Conner of the Catholic Diocese of Alexandria. Representatives from several denominations participated. In central Louisiana the Episcopal and Roman dioceses ALTERNATE every other year for hosting events for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The odd years are held by the Episcopalians and the even years are hosted by the Roman Catholic Diocese.

The one or both of Ecumenical Officers attended the following events during 2019:

The Executive Committee meeting and the Annual Assembly of the LIC in Lafayette, LA on March 11-12, 2019

Executive Committee meetings held throughout the year

Board of Directors meeting in Monroe, LA on September 23 - 24, 2019

Fr. Carter attended The Annual Meeting of the EDEIO and the NWCU in St. Louis, MO on April 1-4, 2019.

One or both of the Ecumenical Officers will attend the Annual Assembly of the LIC in Baton Rouge from March 2 – 3, 2020. This meeting will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the LIC.

Fr. Carter attended the service of Solemn Vespers on January 27 and the Ordination and Installation of the Most Reverend Francis Ignatius Malone as the Third Bishop of the Diocese of Shreveport on January 28 and was able to bring him greetings from Bishop Owensby and the Diocese of Western Louisiana.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Rev. Wayne E. Carter, Ph.D.

The Rev. Annie Etheredge

Ecumenical Officers

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW)

No report submitted.

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY(EFM)

The Education for Ministry program is a four-year course in theological education course offered through Sewanee – The University of the South in the United States and around the world! The course is not simply a Bible study, but a community that fosters Adult Christian Formation and Theological Reflection.

Our goal is to have active and growing groups in each of our convocations – EfM is currently active in Monroe, Shreveport, and Natchitoches. Groups are working to form in Lake Charles and Lafayette, and Lake Providence but a few more participants are needed. The group in Alexandria is inactive at this time. Most of these groups include people from multiple congregations. The programs are mentored by both clergy and lay folk.

Our goal is to help EfM become more active and available to all in the Diocese of Western Louisiana. If you are interested in participating in or mentoring an EfM group in your area, please contact me. We really want to start groups in Lake Charles and the Shreveport area. Please help us!

To find out more about Efm visit their website at efm.sewanee.edu, contact me, or speak to anyone who has participated in Education for Ministry in the past or any current participant.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Whit Stodghill, EFM Coordinator



EPISCOPAL SCHOOL OF ACADIANA (ESA)

The Episcopal School of Acadiana celebrates its 40th year as the Diocesan School for the Episcopal Diocese of Western Louisiana. ESA opened the 2019-20 school year with 612 students. Fifty seniors will graduate in May 2020, and begin their college journey. The school's mission of academic excellence, honor education, and spiritual growth attracts families from seven different parishes in the region, while the engaging program and a strong sense of community successfully retain both students and faculty.

On Saturday, June 1, we closed the 2018-2019 academic year, with the celebration of ESA's thirty-seventh commencement as forty seniors received their diplomas under the oaks on the Cade campus. ESA seniors continue to attract the attention of colleges and universities across the nation. The seniors in the Class of 2019 submitted 220 applications for admission and were admitted to 82 different colleges, universities, and programs. Thirty-six members of the class (90%) were offered merit aid totaling just over \$6.9 million. The graduates are attending 26 different programs this fall including Academy of Interactive Entertainment, Baylor University, Centenary College of Louisiana, Elon University, Hanover College, Louisiana State University, Northwestern University, Oglethorpe University, Princeton University, Rhodes Colleges, Sarah Lawrence College, Sewanee: The University of the South, St. Edward's University, Trinity University, Tufts University, University of Alabama, University of Louisiana – Lafayette, University of Mississippi, West Virginia University, and Wiley College.

Three members of the Class of 2019 were recognized by the National Merit Scholarship program for exceptional performance on the on the PSAT administered in October 2017. Two were National Merit Commended Students and one named National Merit Scholar. One of these students was also recognized as a National Hispanic Scholar.

Four members of the Class of 2019 were also the first to be inducted to ESA's chapter of The Cum Laude Society. Founded in 1906 and modeled after Phi Beta Kappa, the Cum Laude Society is dedicated to honoring scholastic excellence in secondary schools. ESA is only one of four schools in the state of Louisiana to be granted a charter for demonstrating consistent academic excellence, exceptional college placement, and outstanding performance on national standardized exams.

EPISCOPAL SCHOOL OF ACADIANA (ESA) CONTINUED

ESA students continue to lead in Acadiana and are among the top in the state on standardized test performance. With a senior class median ACT composite score of 27, ESA ranks well above local, state, and national averages. This past May, 88 upper school students took 174 Advanced Placement Exams in 13 different subjects with 82% of the students scoring 3 or higher on at least one AP exam. The College Board recognized 16 of these students as AP Scholars, 7 as AP Scholars with Honors, 7 as AP Scholars with Distinction, and 4 as National AP Scholars.

ESA students excelled in athletics as well. The Falcons captured two state championships in the 2018-2019 school year (boys Cross-Country and girls Track and Field), bringing our total to 85 State Championships! ESA was State Runner-up in girls cross country, girls' Soccer and boys Golf. Six 2019 ESA graduates will participate in their sports at the college level this year.

The Performing and Visual Art Departments continue to flourish. In theatre, students performed a series of sketches revolving around Elvis Presley in advance of the spring musical, *Bye Bye Birdie*. The Lower School musical, *Aladdin*, was a huge success. The music program performed the entire album of *Thriller* during Spooktacular, a three-day Halloween themed volleyball tournament. Advanced musicians traveled to Dallas and performed at the ISAS Fine Arts Festival. We showcased a jazz band performance, a rock performance and an acoustic coffee house stage. Our spring concert was part of the 2019 Festival International festivities. The kids performed over 3 hours of music and they brought the house down! Throughout the year, the ESA musicians performed in coffee house, for Eucharist and in music chapels.

The Visual Arts Department participated in a variety of exhibitions in 2019. The lower school's art students exhibited a wide range of 2D and 3D media and techniques throughout the school year in their Enrichment Center. Fifth grade students worked on a legacy project creating a permanent logo and signage for the new lower school IDEA Lab. ESA's upper school students participated in ULL's district rally, receiving first places in painting, photography, and sculpture, and third place in sculpture. ESA's Annual Senior Art Exhibition was held in the Kelli Kaufman Gallery and was on view for the monthly art walk as well as Festival International: works included drawing, painting, photography, flame worked glass and metal-worked jewelry, hand-built ceramics, pottery, 3D mixed media, and video. The ESA Visual Arts faculty were presented certificates of special recognition "for outstanding art program achievement" from the Director of the LSU School of Art and Dean of the College of Art and Design. Students in ExLabs, ESA's video productions program, submitted films to local, national and international festivals and were selected into the New Iberia Film Festival (received Director's Choice Award and Best High School Student Film), the All American High School Film Festival in New York City, Reading Film Festival in Pennsylvania, the Zoom Student Film Festival in Toronto, Ontario, and the Stuffit Film Festival in Australia.

EPISCOPAL SCHOOL OF ACADIANA (ESA) CONTINUED

On our Cade campus, ESA's chapel program and religious studies courses are led by our Chaplain, Dr. Andrew Armond. Dr. Armond teaches several religion courses at ESA, including a required, academically rigorous "Introduction to Religion" class for 8th graders. The course approaches religious education from a comparative religions standpoint, focusing not only on "who believes what," but on the complexities of the historical, social, and geographical interactions that fuel religious ideas and practices. This semester-long course gives Dr. Armond the opportunity to present extended units on Judaism and Christianity that focus on how to read the sacred stories of the Bible and how to interpret the narrative arc of God's covenant with God's people.

Dr. Armond also teaches several upper-school courses that enable more advanced studies of theology and literature. He offers an upper-school course that uses film, literature, and other media to help students understand contemporary geopolitical and social issues through a religious lens. He also teaches an elective on Dante's Divine Comedy for the upper school that introduces students to the ecclesiastical, historical, and theological foundations of Western Christianity.

Dr. Armond is also now the Rev. Deacon Armond, having been ordained to the transitional diaconate last December. His ordination has provided the opportunity for further conversations with students and faculty about the life of faith in the Episcopal Way. In addition, Dr. Armond is stressing ESA's motto, "excellence from within," in ensuring that chapels are educational, meaningful, and professional programs that bring students, faculty, and administrators together to celebrate the life of the school. The Cade campus Chapel service incorporates an abbreviated form of Morning Prayer, as well as time for intentional prayer and meditation. This Lent, Dr. Armond will conduct a Bible study on campus, and students have expressed interest in a Student Ministry Team that will help oversee educational and spiritual development on campus.

Dr. John Campbell's departure from the Lower School for Seminary of the Southwest has left it without a chaplain at present. The chapel program is continuing to be led by capable faculty members, and Dr. Armond and others provide pastoral support in times of crisis.

Eucharist services at both campuses are being celebrated by Fr. Matt Woollett of the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany in New Iberia and Fr. Michael Bordelon and Fr. Brooks Boylan of St. Barnabas in Lafayette.

EPISCOPAL SCHOOL OF ACADIANA (ESA) CONTINUED

The 2018-2019 Annual Fund campaign was a success, raising more than \$324,000, with 72% parent giving, 100% Trustee and faculty giving, and support from past parents, alumni, grandparents, former faculty and friends. The ESA Falcon Club, ESA's Booster Club for Athletics and the Arts, raised funds through memberships and a dinner, and provided a variety of equipment for arts and athletics at every level, from PK3 to 12th grade. The ESA Parent Group hosted a 40th anniversary celebration that included bingo and a tribute to a recently retired founding faculty member. We continue to appeal to our alumni for support of the Tates/Tutwiler Endowment Fund for financial aid. In 2019-2020, 26% of ESA students will receive financial assistance that is supported by this \$1 million+ endowment. In addition to summer and winter issues of our Oasis magazine, the Communications team has added an annual Gratitude Report that includes a roll of donors and stories about class projects, extracurricular programs, professional development, facility improvements, and other benefits made possible by generous donations to ESA.

I am blessed to work in a school that lives out its mission of scholarship, honor and service to others.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Baker, PhD

Headmaster, Episcopal School of Acadiana

EPISCOPAL RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT

No report submitted.

FINANCE COMMITTEE/TREASURER'S REPORT

Canon 5 of our Diocese requires, in part, that the Treasurer render an annual accounting of the Diocesan receipts and disbursements provided in the budget and a statement of each parish and mission with regard to its pledge. Below is a recap from the audit report dated December 31, 2018. The audit includes information on assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses, and the Diocesan Trustee Funds. The December 31, 2019 report of revenue and expense is unaudited.

From the December 31, 2018 audit:

Total Assets	\$ 40,070,631
Less Liabilities	1,723,231
Total Net Assets	\$ 38,347,400
Revenues, Gains(Losses), Other Support and Reclassifications	\$ 1,485,886
Less Expenses	2,811,444
Change in Net Assets	\$(1,325,558)

From the unaudited financial report for the period ending December 31, 2019:

	Budget	Actual
Revenue	\$ 2,751,819	\$ 2,364,457*
Expenses	2,751,819	2,364,457

- Includes transfer from Budget Reserve of \$107,061

The December 31, 2018 unaudited statement does not include any activity from the Trustee Funds other than budgeted contributions to the operating budget.

Respectfully submitted
Gray Easterling, Treasurer

HARDTNER CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER

In 2019 Camp Hardtner served a total of 1,669 guests & campers.

RETREAT USE

1,219 Guests
27 Groups/events

SUMMER CAMP

433 campers
278 Episcopalians (64%), 155 other (36%)
126 from Diocese of WLA area; 132 from Diocese of LA area; 20 from other states
153 New campers
\$9,824 in scholarships awarded to 38 individuals

In 2019:

We underwent and passed an on-site evaluation by the American Camp Association to maintain our accreditation. The ACA's nationally recognized standards program focuses primarily on the health, safety, and risk management aspects of a camp's operation.

In addition to Dinner with the Director we engaged campers, interested families, and supporters throughout the state. We were thrilled by a number of churches self-organizing events to celebrate and promote Camp Hardtner.

- St. Alban's, Monroe integrated Camp Hardtner music into their service.

- St. Paul's, New Orleans held a Camp afternoon event.

- Epiphany Day School, New Iberia invited Camp Hardtner to visit and speak with the students.

We are so grateful and proud of the enthusiasm to expand and strengthen the community of campers, alumni, parents, and anyone interested in learning more about Camp Hardtner. If your church or group is planning something Camp Hardtner related, we would love to know!

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Chapman, Director



INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

No report submitted.

LITURGY AND MUSIC

No activity to report.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan Mitnaul, Chair

REGISTRAR REPORT

BISHOP'S OFFICIAL ACTS
March 1, 2019—February 29, 2020

The Rt. Rev. Jacob W. Owensby PhD, DD

Consecrate and ordain other bishops	0
Ordain deacons	3
Ordain priests	4
Received priests	0
Impose sentences of Suspension, Depositions	0
Remove sentences of Suspension, Depositions	0
Receive Renunciation of Orders	0
Consent to elections, consecrations and resignations of bishops	16
Did not consent to elections, consecrations and resignations of bishops	0
Confirm	51
Receive	21
Reaffirm	15
Baptisms	8
Receive Letters <u>Dimissory</u>	3
Issue Letters Dimissory	1
Give permission for remarriages	5
Weddings	0
Approve retirement applications for clergy	3
License clergy to officiate in diocese	5
License Eucharistic Ministers	23
License Eucharistic Visitors	9
License Worship Leaders	25
Sign death notice for clergy from Church Pension Fund	0
Sermons	36
Holy <u>Eucharists</u>	45
Funerals - members of the clergy	0
Blessing and Dedication of Structures and Appointments	0
Deconsecration and secularization of churches	0

Services of the bishop outside of the diocese in an official capacity also include:

- a. Chair of Statement Committee for House of Bishops
- b. House of Bishops Pastoral Development Committee Member
- c. Member of General Convention Task Force to Respond to the Opioid Epidemic
- d. Member of Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, Constitution and Canons
- e. Sewanee Board of Regents and Board of Trustees

SAFE CHURCH

No activity to report.

STANDING COMMITTEE

The Standing Committee has met six times since the diocesan convention, March, 2019. We consented to the elections of:

The Rev. Kai Ryan—Bishop Suffragan, Texas

The Rev. Susan Snook—Bishop Diocesan, San Diego

The Rev. Megan Traquair—Bishop Diocesan, Northern California

The Rev. Canon Lucinda Ashby—Bishop Diocesan, El Camino Real

The Rev. Bonnie Perry—Bishop Diocesan, Michigan

The Rev. Johnathan Folts—Bishop Diocesan, South Dakota

The Rev. Shannon MacVean-Brown—Bishop Diocesan, Vermont

The Rev. Marty Stebbins—Bishop Diocesan, Montana

The Rev. Lennon Yuan-Rung Chang—Bishop Diocesan, Taiwan

The Rev. Susan Haynes—Bishop Diocesan, Southern Virginia

The Rt. Rev. Mark Van Koeving as bishop diocesan of Lexington

The Rev. Canon Frank Logue as bishop diocesan of Georgia

The Rev. Deon Johnson as bishop diocesan of Missouri

We noted that more and more women are being ordained bishops.

Each month we were briefed by Bishop Jake Owensby or by Canon John Bedingfield on news of the diocese, especially as it related to our work. Along with the Commission on Ministry, we participated in two Zoom conversations with candidates for ordination.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Mary B. Richard

President, Standing Committee

UNITED THANK OFFERING (UTO)

No report submitted.

UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH

REPORT FOR DIOCESE OF WESTERN LOUISIANA

AS OF SEPT. 15, 2019

FINANCES

Donations from the diocese: \$21,000

Donations from churches of the diocese: \$15,566

Returns to the diocese in the form of financial aid to college students, seminarians, and ADP students: \$219,435

The average return on contribution for an owning diocese is about \$34 for each dollar donated

ENGAGEMENT

EfM groups: 3

Trustees: The Rt. Rev. Jacob W. Owensby, The Rev. Paul D. Martin, Andrea Marie Petrosch, Philip C. Earhart

College students: 9

Seminarians: 1

Advanced Degrees students: 1

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Since last convention, diocesan youth and young adult ministry has been doing many new and old things, and evaluating at each turn how and where these ministries will continue to go.

Last March at our annual high school retreat, CLEY, a dozen young adult leaders planned and led a god-focused and fun-filled weekend for 20 youth from across the state. We learned about the Gospel according to Napoleon Dynamite, played games, worshiped and lived in Christian community. Later that spring, we initiated our first planning team for a potential young adult retreat.

In the Fall, we had a very successful and spirit led middle school retreat: JEYL. With 40 middle school participants, high school staff, and young adult leaders, we learned about the seven parts of living a life that follows Jesus by “Walking in the Way of Love.”

In January, our annual Happening retreat was canceled because of low registration numbers. While disappointing, we took this as an opportunity! The Happening staff gathered with the Diocesan Youth Commission and other community stakeholders for a Youth Visioning Weekend, where we talked about “why” we do diocesan youth ministry, did lots of brainstorming, and cast our eyes on the future of Diocesan youth ministry both in 2020 and beyond!

Over the course of these events, we served more than 60 youth & young adults from across the entire state. We are continuing to dream, learn, and partner in new ways with those within our diocese, across the state, and in the denominational church, and look forward to what is to come!

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Chapman, Chair