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2012 Parish Council Conferences

Annual Parish Council Conferences for 2012 were conducted, during the month of June, regionally in the three diocesan deaneries: New Jersey, New York State, New York City. Over 150 parish council members and rectors participated. The conferences were facilitated by Maureen Jury (Diocese of the South) who graciously accepted the invitation from His Grace, Bishop Michael.

While it is understandable that not all parish council members from throughout the diocese were able to attend one of the conferences, it was hoped that they would consider attendance "as mandatory as possible" and, if unable to attend, they would view the video presentation of the conference recorded in Endicott NY. Follow-up is to include discussion of the topic (Financial Stewardship) among all parish councils in the diocese. The videos of the conference are now available on-line!

The conference videos are segmented as follows:

INTRODUCTION (video 1)
PART ONE (video 2)
PART TWO (video 3)
PART THREE (video 4)
PART FOUR (video 5)

Each video segment is between 15-35 minutes in duration to facilitate rapid download times and comfort of viewing. The *Introduction* offers a good overview of the conference topic and content (it is highly recommended that the introduction be viewed before moving on to the conference itself). *Part One* offers the beginning presentation; *Part Two* is the second part of the formal presentation; *Part Three* begins a valuable Question/Answer session; *Part Four* concludes the Q&A sessions.

The videos may be accessed and viewed on a dedicated webpage.

A special *Parish Council Conferences* icon-link is published on the diocesan website homepage, and will remain available for several months: nynjoca.org Look for this link



Parish rectors are directed to share these videos with all of their parish council members, as well as with interested parishioners at large (as they deem appropriate).

If you would like to download the videos and save them on DVD that can be played for viewing on a TV, please contact me at frski@rochester.rr.com for instructions.

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