

ACPO Report Provincial Synod - 2015

The yearly ACPO Conference continues to be an important part of the process for the candidates who are discerning a call to the ordained priesthood.

In the last three years, the ACPO Conferences have been held at Villa Madonna, just outside Saint John, NB. The retreat centre is a quiet and peaceful haven surrounded by acres of woods. Its serene surroundings have given both candidates and assessors a place of relaxation for such an important weekend in their discernment journey; a place where they felt well taken care of by the staff.

Since our last Provincial Synod, we have had 43 candidates attend the Conference. The diocesan breakdown is as follows:

- Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador
- Diocese of Central Newfoundland
- Diocese of Western Newfoundland
- Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island
- Diocese of Fredericton
- Diocese of Quebec
- Diocese of Montreal

From these, 39 candidates received positive recommendations. The reasons for a non recommendation were varied.

As Secretary, I have also attempted to build a pool of assessors from all over the Province. This is a work in progress with new assessors trained and included in the pool every year. The difficulty, of course, lies in the fact air travel is becoming more expensive and the budget limits the number of assessors who can be brought in through this form of travel. No matter where the Conference is held, travel becomes a large part of the yearly expenses (approximately 25-30%).

At the national level, the four provincial Secretaries have all been re-appointed to a second term. We have developed a good working team along with the ACPO National Bishop (the Right Reverend David Torraville) and the Director of Faith, Worship and Ministry (the Reverend Dr. Eileen Scully). Together, we are working at standardizing ACPO Conferences across all four ecclesiastical provinces, as well as looking at the changing styles of ministry in the Church and what it means to the discernment process

Lastly, I wish to take this opportunity to offer my personal thanks to Archbishops Miller and Coffin for placing their trust in me in this role as Secretary of the Province of Canada. I also wish to thank all Bishops within the Province and their diocesan staff for being diligent in providing all information requested for this process.

Respectfully submitted,

The Reverend Canon Leo A. Martin
 Secretary, Province of Canada

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**Financial Summary**

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|---------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Balance (last Provincial Synod) |                   | \$ 1,276.45     |
| Revenue Conference 2013         | 13, 699.45        |                 |
| Expenses Conference 2013        | <u>11, 759.26</u> | <u>1,940.19</u> |
| Balance end of 2013             |                   | \$ 3,216.64     |
| Revenue Conference 2014         | 14,000.00         |                 |
| Expenses Conference 2014        | <u>13,171.75</u>  | <u>828.25</u>   |
| Balance end of 2014             |                   | \$ 4,044.89     |
| Revenue Conference 2015         | 14, 600.00        |                 |
| Expenses Conference 2015        | 15, 702.79        |                 |
| Outstanding Receivables         | <u>176.50</u>     | <u>(926.29)</u> |
| Balance end of 2015             |                   | \$ 3,118.60     |