

2016 DIOCESAN COUNCIL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Diocesan Council met in regular session four times this past year:

March 8 at Holy Annunciation, Berwick, PA

June 30 at Holy Apostles, Mechanicsburg, PA

September 15 at St. Stephen Cathedral, Philadelphia, PA

November 10 at Christ the Saviour, Harrisburg, PA

The Diocesan Council, under the chairmanship of His Eminence Archbishop Mark, met in regular session on a quarterly basis over the past year. The council exists to support and offer recommendations to our Hierarchy, as well as to identify and draw upon the many talented clergy and faithful as needs arise.

The meetings are well organized, and typically run from 10am – 4pm. Open discussion and exchange of ideas are facilitated by His Eminence, as well as the Diocesan Chancellor.

This past year Fr. Ignatius (Diocesan Treasurer) resigned due to his new assignment at St. Tikhon Seminary in South Canaan. We are thankful for Fr. Ignatius' past service and ask God's blessing upon him. As we know, the Lord provides – Joseph Tosca of St. Michael Orthodox Church in Mt. Carmel has accepted the responsibilities of treasurer, and is bringing a high level of professionalism and thoughtfulness to this position. May God strengthen him as he serves our Diocese!

If you would like to review the minutes of the meetings, they are posted on our Diocesan website (doepa.org) under the RESOURCES button.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Diocesan Council Secretary