

**Standing Committee Report
To the 225th Annual Diocesan Convention**

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of New Jersey held regular meetings in 2008. At the organizational meeting on March 3, 2008, the Rev. Mark H. Chattin was elected President and the Very Rev. René R. John was elected Secretary. The Hon. Robert Scott agreed to coordinate the real estate business for the Standing Committee.

The following actions were taken in 2008:

Episcopal Elections, Ordinations and/or Consecrations of Bishops –

- Consented to the Ordination of The Rev. Canon Stephen Taylor Lane as Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of Maine.
- Consented to the election of a Coadjutor in the Diocese of South Dakota.
- Consented to the election of a Bishop Coadjutor in the Diocese of Texas.
- Consented to the election of The Rev. Dr. Prince Singh as Bishop of the Diocese of Rochester.
- Consented to the election of a Bishop Coadjutor for the Diocese of Ecuador Central.
- Consented to the Ordination of the Rev. Canon Eugene Taylor Sutton as Bishop of Maryland.
- Consented to the Ordination of the Rev. Paul Emil Lambert as Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of Dallas.
- Consented to the Ordination of Brian James Thom as Diocesan Bishop of the Diocese of Idaho.
- Consented to the Ordination of Charles Andrew Doyle as Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of Texas.
- Consented to the Ordination of the Rev. Herman Hollerith, IV as Diocesan Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Virginia

Vocational Diaconate –

- Recommended Rosemarie Broderick, David Lawson-Beck, Christopher Cox, Susan Cushinotto, Judith Krom, Joseph Sweeney, and Carmen Viola, for candidacy to the vocational diaconate.

Priesthood –

- Approved the 2008 Financial Aid Awards.
- Recommended Justin Falciani, John Hartman, James Matthew Tucker and James Brent Bates, and Charlotte Wells for ordination to the diaconate.
- Recommended Stephanie Shockley for candidacy to the priesthood.
- Recommended Justin Falciani, James Brent Bates, James Matthew Tucker and Charlotte Wells for ordination to the priesthood.

Property Matters –

- Authorized the sale of the rectory at St. James', Edison, with the stipulation that monies go to purchase a new rectory.
- Consented to an increase in the mortgage for the Church of St. John-on-the-Mountain, Bernardsville.
- Authorized permission for the city of Bordentown to install a drain pipe in the upper portion of Christ Church, Bordentown's property.
- Approved the sale of the Arlington Lot belonging to Trinity Church, Cranford.

Other Matters –

- Approved the compensation package for Bishop Councill for 2008 as proposed by the Finance & Budget Committee and approved by Diocesan Council.
- Consented to create the position of Assistant Bishop and seek the approval of Diocesan Convention in accordance with Title III, Canon 12, Section 5.
- Conducted an annual review with Bishop Councill.
- Endorsed re-appointment of John Wood Goldsack, Esq. as Chancellor.
- Approved Pastoral Direction for parishes seeking to disaffiliate from the Diocese of New Jersey.

Other Matters (continued) –

- Approved the brochure for Aged and Infirm Clergy and Widows and Orphans of Clergy Fund.
- Thanked the members of the Class of 2008: The Rev. Terrence W. Rosheuvel, President, and Mr. Charles Perfater, who managed the property matters.
- Welcomed the newly elected members of the Class of 2012: The Very Rev. René John and Ms. Annette Buchanan.
- The Rev. Mark H. Chattin was elected President and The Very Rev. René John was elected Secretary of the Standing Committee for the coming year.
- The Honorable Robert Scott will coordinate the real estate business for the Standing Committee for the coming year.
- Consented to the appointment of the Rt. Rev. Sylvestre D. Romero as Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of New Jersey.
- Recommended a Resolution proposed by the Companion Diocese Committee be presented at Diocesan Convention in 2009 for consideration.
- Approved the 2009 housing allowance for clergy employed at Diocesan House who are not provided housing.
- Received and approved the Aged & Infirm Clergy Fund Report for 2009.
- Received and approved the Report of the Relief of Widows, Widowers and Orphans Fund for 2009.

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Mark H. Chattin
President