

Dean's Meeting with Metropolitan Jonah- Locum Tenens, DOS

Feb 14, 8p, meeting room @ Holiday Inn Express, Clinton, MS

In Attendance:

- Metropolitan Jonah
- Bp Mark
- Fr Joseph Fester
- Fr Alexander Fecanin
- Fr Ted Pisarchuk
- Fr Marcus Burch
- Fr Steven Freeman
- Fr Gleb McFatter

Vladyka J began with the departure of Fr J Fester, Mar 1. It was not a "promotion." Fr Constantine White suggested his move to St. Matthews when he and Vladyka discussed possible candidates for St Matthews in MD. Fr J Fester has the talents needed for the Cathedral for the challenges it faces. He has done an excellent job in Dallas. Fr J Fester will live in the rectory. His task is the cathedral and nothing else.

The DOS needs to elect a bishop. Discussion was had on makeup of nominations committee. Other diocesan models discussed. Agreed to proceed as it was originally constituted under Archbishop Dmitri, Deans with the lay representatives of the Diocesan Council.

Metropolitan Jonah said the most obvious candidate was "in the room", Bishop Mark and we should consider him. He could offer no other candidates presently, but was open to it.

Discussion on who to lead the committee with the departure of the chancellor. Vladyka J suggested, though awkward, coordinate with diocesan administrator.

Discussion when/where to meet next, possibly ATL nothing decided, need to first coordinate lay people.

Long discussion on needs in various parishes. Need an experienced archpriest for Miami Cathedral. No decision on replacement for Dallas. Bp Mark will be there. New mission station potential in Big Pine Key. Fr Ted asked to visit St. Peter & Paul and review facility condition and report back to Bp Mark/Metropolitan Jonah. Coordinate visit with Fr Gleb.

Bishop Mark to stay close to Dallas during the Fast and then begin visiting around the diocese. With Fr. David Moretti he plans to ramp up DOS website.