Task Force to Assist the OPD  
Minutes - Tuesday, May 5th, 2020  
Zoom  

Attending: Mathis (Chair), Ambrogi (Secretary), Grant (Chaplain), Bates, Hollingsworth, Jacobs, Johnson, Knudsen, Ousley, Seage, Smith  
Absent: Scanlon (Vice-Chair), Chambers, Hitt, Thomason, Yeiser  

The meeting opened with prayer by the Chair at 1:05 PM EDT.

Each working group reported on their activities including:
- Proposed procedures for screening of bishop candidates  
- Procedures for managing information compiled during screening and other parts of the search process  
- Canonical changes needed to implement these processes  
- Development of a website and other resources to encourage greater diversity in the episcopate  
- Creation of a guidance document for resources to assist the Office of Pastoral Development in recruiting, training, and evaluating consultants  
- Developing educational material for search committees and Standing Committees on substance abuse disorder and impairment  

The task force also discussed work that may not be able to be accomplished in this triennium, as well as appropriate follow on work for the next triennium.

The task force is aiming to have a blue book report ready by the fall.

The task force is unsure if it will meet again in person given the current restrictions on travel and meeting size, as well as the need for physical distancing. They are aiming to meet several times over the summer by Zoom.

The meeting adjourned at 2:38 PM.

Benge Ambrogi, Secretary