

Mr. Ronald Boutte and Deacon Ed Lavine participated. There were (5) questions reviewed.

**Question 1: What has been the response of the church in your diocese to the news of excessive force and/or deadly encounters with Law Enforcement?**

Our response to this question was the following:

We here in the diocese of Lake Charles were given the approval of our Bishop, Glenn John Provost to hold 6 weekly reflection evenings on Bishop Braxton's Pastoral Letter: The Racial Divide in the United States is a reflection for the World Day of Peace 2015. Our evenings of reflection were held in 2016. Afterwards Deacon Levine gave a presentation to the Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC) on February 29, 2016. The DPC recommended that Deacon Levine give a presentation to the diocesan Presbyteral Council which was done on September 14, 2016. The priests will take an initiative in the future.

**Question 2: What structure(s) in your diocese address(es) these concerns? Are you represented or do you have access to these structures?**

The structure at present is with the Law Enforcement in the Calcasieu Parish (county) and Lake Charles City Police.

Deacon Levine is a graduate of the Lake Charles Community Law Enforcement Partnership Academy, a 7-week program in which this initiative trains participants including police and CPSO Deputies. All participants receiving training in areas of criminal investigations, domestic violence, civil rights, gang violence, use of force, as well as other topics in law enforcement. This program has also been called the community policing program because participants other than law enforcement personnel are able to ride along with police deputies on patrol. This initiative is perceived as pro-active in order to eliminate some of the excessive force by law enforcement and saving the lives of people of African descent.

The community policing training includes all areas of Law Enforcement including the FBI and the Calcasieu Parish District Attorney's Office.

**Question 3: What diocesan programs orientation have been hosted or have been scheduled in 2017?**

None at this time.

**Question 4: What resources have you found most helpful?**

None yet.

**Question 5: What further suggestions or lessons learned would you offer?**

We would suggest initiating a community policing project similar to the one we have in the Lake Charles Area.