“For nothing will be impossible for God.” (Lk 1:37)

DEACONS NEEDED: As a deacon we are ordained to serve our Diocese, not just our ‘home’ parish. In our Diocese, some parishes are blessed with an abundance of deacons, and others are in need of a deacon’s assistance. To meet that need, God may call any of us to step out of our comfort zone. Some of my most rewarding assignments have been when I accepted God’s call to use me where He needed me. Pastors at the following parishes have communicated their need for a deacon. If you are in these areas, I ask that you please take to prayer whether God may be calling you to serve a new community. If so, please contact me if you would like more information.

1. St. Joseph Catholic Church, Lakeland
2. St. Faustina Catholic Church, Clermont
3. St. Ann Catholic Church, Haines City
4. Immaculate Heart Catholic Church, Ocala

STATEMENT OF MUTUAL EXPECTATIONS ARE DUE: Your annual forms which include statements of mutual expectations and continuing education forms are due by June 1, 2019. Please schedule meetings with your pastors now. You may access these forms by CLICKING HERE. If you have not already done so, to stay in Good Standing, please submit your annual forms NOW!

CARING FOR EACH OTHER IN COMMUNITY: With well over 200 deacons in our Diocese, dozens of men in formation, wives and families of these men, as well as the widows of our brothers who have gone before us in faith; our community experiences the full range of joys, sorrows, accomplishments, and setbacks in our lives. In a society which can be all too self-centered, it is a blessing to be in a community of ‘other centered’ men and women. In this context, we need to continue to be aware of each other’s needs, and even be willing to reach out in confidence to our brothers and sisters in our times of need. I commend the very many members of our community that already do so, and I thank those who make a point to inform our office, so we may provide support, as well. Yet, on a regular basis we are often surprised to hear of serious illness, injury, or even deaths, long after they occur. I encourage us all to continue to be proactive to reaching out to each other, especially within our deaneries, to benefit from this prayerful community of servants of which we are all privileged to be a part.
ADMINISTRATIVE

REMINDER ON LETTERS OF GOOD STANDING

As summer is fast approaching and many of you will be taking vacations, mission trips, etc.; should you need to request a Letter of Good Standing from our office, please [CLICK HERE](#). If you meet the requirements** of Good Standing, complete the form. Jennifer will get the request and prepare your letter. Requests must be made within 90 days of the event date. Please remember to give at least 2 weeks’ notice, as it can take that long for Father John Giel to sign the letters. Father John travels a bit in the summertime.

**Please remember that your annual paperwork is due by June 1st, 2019. If this office hasn’t received it, then you ARE NOT in Good Standing.

PLEASE SUBMIT A ONE PAGE BIO

All deacons are asked to submit a one-page biography to our office at your earliest opportunity. This is a brief synopsis of the highlights of your life which may be used when we celebrate your different milestones. A good bio will include year and place of birth; information on your marriage, family, and year of ordination; key education, career and ministerial highlights; and personal interests, passions, and hobbies. While I know you’ve all had amazing lives, I encourage you to keep this to one page or less, and send it to Jennifer, at jkuhn@orlandodiocese.org.

MINISTRY TO WIDOWS OF DEACONS

We are happy to announce that we have been working hard on updating our Widow database. It is our goal to re-connect with all our Deacon Widows. We have reached out to the parishes and they have been extremely helpful in providing updated information for our Widows. We are in the process in sending out an information survey to each of them. We want/need to hear as to what they are needing from us. We are looking in the near future on putting together a widows’ committee to provide an avenue for these women to continue to stay engaged with our community.

POLICY MANUAL UPDATE

Our new policy manual will be rolling out in July 2019. Bishop Noonan has approved and signed off on it. It is currently being translated into Spanish.
Liturgical Notes

Thank you to all the deacons who have assisted the Bishop as he has visited our parishes to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Bishop’s office consistently gives us feedback on how we perform our duties at these liturgies and in the vast majority of instances we receive nothing but positive comments. I frequently receive requests from deacons looking for clarification on correct procedures for our Diocese when serving at mass, especially with the Bishop. In reality, our norms are completely consistent with that of the USCCB, as delineated on their web-page, *The Deacon at Mass*, [http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/the-mass/the-deacon-at-mass.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/the-mass/the-deacon-at-mass.cfm). We all should precisely follow these rubrics, and in doing, can assure we are performing out liturgical function as required. If you have any specific questions you wish answered, do not hesitate to contact me at dcamous@orlandodiocese.org.

**DIOCESAN LITURGICAL CALENDAR**  
[Click here]

**SPECIAL COLLECTION SCHEDULE**  
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**CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE**  
[Click here]

**CONTINUING FORMATION**

**ORLANDO LITURGICAL CONFERENCE**  
[Click Here]

*BISHOP MCKNIGHT ANNOUNCES TALKS FOR DEACONS.* Breaking news for this year’s Orlando Liturgical Conference! The following two talks on Thursday, August 22nd, are specifically directed at our important role in the Church, today:

**The Deacon’s Ministry of Charity as a Service of Communion.** The twin crises of clergy sexual abuse and the abuse of power have strained the bond of communion between the clergy and their people. In this talk, Bishop McKnight will highlight the unique position of the permanent deacon to facilitate and repair a broken relationship between the shepherd and his flock.

**The Deacon’s Liturgical Ministry as an Epiphany of Service.** Have you ever wondered why a deacon has some roles and not others in the liturgy? This talk will highlight some of the theological, social and ritual sources for the deacon’s ministry in the liturgy, which serves to underscore the nature of the deacon’s ministry beyond the liturgy.

**Liturgy in Action: Crossing the Threshold**

**SAVE THE DATE! August 22nd - 24th, 2019**

Location: Hilton Orlando, 6001 Destination Parkway. Orlando
PEDRO ARRUPE CENTER IN MIAMI ANNOUNCES INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE / CONFERENCIA INTERNACIONAL

The Pedro Arrupe Jesuit Institute is organizing a major international bilingual conference about Pope Francis with the help of our Jesuit Province. We are fortunate to have the participation of several important theologians from major universities, and we are sure that it will be of great interest to many Christians.

El Instituto Jesuita Pedro Arrupe está organizando una conferencia internacional y bilingüe sobre el Papa Francisco con la ayuda de la Provincia Jesuita del Caribe. Tenemos el honor de contar con la participación de importantes teólogos de universidades. Estamos seguros que será de gran interés para muchos Cristianos.

STEUBENVILLE CONFERENCE- Rest and Renewal Retreat, June 17-21, 2019. Click Here to register.

SAN PEDRO SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER Click Here

MINISTRY PROFESSIONAL GATHERING helping Teens have Rock Solid faith and Building Intercultural Competencies for Ministry

Register Now by Clicking Here
MINISTRY TO THE INCARCERATED  The Diocesan Ministry to the Incarcerated has recently updated its ministry service lists for mentoring and sacramental services to the incarcerated. We are in particular need of priests willing to celebrate Mass and Deacons to provide Eucharistic services in select prison and jail facilities throughout the Diocese. For information or inquiries please contact Deacon Richard Dodd at volunteermti@orlandodiocese.org.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING  The Diocese of Orlando Human Trafficking Task Force is working with community and government task forces throughout the nine counties of the diocese and with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Coalition of Catholic Organizations against Human Trafficking. Check out their web-page at https://cflcc.org/human-trafficking-task-force/  To learn more, please visit the National Human Trafficking Resource Center or call 1-888-373-7888.

As you know Hurricane Season begins June 1, 2019. As part of Disaster Services, 18 parishes have committed to serving as emergency food and water distribution sites. If you would like more information or to inquiry about volunteering, please contact Alice Nolan at 407-658-1818 ext. 1818 or anolan@cflcc.org.
FORMATION WEEKEND: Classes for the Summer.

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UPCOMING EVENTS
*Mark Your Calendars*

DIOCESAN BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS (English / Spanish)

MARRIAGE PREPARATION ANNOUNCEMENTS 2019 Click Here

2019 CONVOCATION. October 5, 2019 @ Annunciation in Altamonte Springs.
Mass @ 9:00 a.m. with the Rite of Acolyte (Cohort 2020)
Bishop John Noonan presiding
Keynote Speaker: TBD

(More Details Coming Soon!)

For a complete list of calendar of events visit the Deacon Webpage.

QUESTIONS? If you have particular questions you would like to see addressed by this office, you may email your question(s) to dcamous@orlandodiocese.org or jkuhn@orlandodiocese.org.

“I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now.” (Jn 16:12)