



OFFICE OF THE PERMANENT DIACONATE



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

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEACON RETREATS

We are pleased to announce the dates for the three Diocesan sponsored retreats for deacons for Spring, 2021. During the pandemic we have developed protocols for our formation classes that we believe provide prudent health and safety measures to offer in person retreats this spring. Offering in person retreats is also consistent with what has been made available to our diocesan priests. ***The one additional restriction, for this year only***, is that to accommodate more of our deacons in person we are limiting attendance to deacons, only. *Sadly, we will need to attend without our wives this year.* All retreats will be at San Pedro Center and the dates are as follows:

March 19-21 English language Retreat Master TBD

March 26-28 English language Retreat Master TBD

May 21-23 Spanish language Retreat Master: Fr. Fred Ruse

The Spanish language retreat is being provided for our brothers who are more comfortable attending a retreat in Spanish. However, our Spanish-speaking brothers are welcome at any of the retreats based on their preference. We are also exploring the possibility of livestreaming or recording at least one of the retreats to make it available for those whose health make it impossible for them to attend in person.

DIACONATE PRAYER LIST

Please continue to send us prayer requests **specifically for all deacons, men in formation and their families**. Requests for parishioners and friends can be sent to your parish prayer lists or to the diocesan-wide list prayer@orlandodiocese.org.





Congratulations to Deacon Don and Christine Boland, of St. Teresa Catholic Church, Mims, who will be celebrating 70 years of marriage on 12/30/2020. Let's wish the happy couple many more!

"Amid the joys and struggles of their life you have preserved the union between them; renew their marriage covenant, increase your love in them, and strengthen their bond of peace, so that they may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing."

DIACONATE SURVEY

Thank you to the many deacons who completed our survey. Central South Deanery came in at the highest rate of response with the Southern Deanery in 2nd place.

We are compiling the responses and will share the results soon as we all seek to grow in our ministry together.

ADMINISTRATIVE

DIACONATE ENDOWMENT FUND

Don't Forget- Help grow our benevolent fund to provide tuition assistance for formation of new deacons and continuing formation to those already Ordained. The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida is helping manage this fund. Our donations help our brothers in need. *To learn more, [CLICK HERE.](#)*

CLERGY DATABASE

Thank you to all that have responded and helped us update our Clergy database. Please remember if you move, change your phone number or email, please let us know. Our goal is to have the most updated information on each deacon.

IN MEMORIAM

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

James Thorstad, father in-law of Phil Warwick, Cohort 2022

James Slaughter, brother in-law of Frank Nicsinger, Cohort 2022

Marlene Nicsinger, mother of Frank Nicsinger, Cohort 2022

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them.

CONTINUING FORMATION

2021 ORLANDO MINISTRY FORMATION CONFERENCE: I THIRST



God thirsts for us and we thirst for Him, too! This year's Ministry Formation Conference, *I Thirst*, will help us recognize we can only be satisfied by the love of God, and He yearns to give it to us.

Who can come? Everyone! For those active in ministry and those who hear God's invitation to serve!

What is it? *I Thirst*, the annual Ministry Formation Conference for the Diocese of Orlando to prepare people to serve Christ in His people.

When? February 5-6, 2021. Bishop Noonan will share a livestreamed opening reflection on Friday evening at 7:00pm, and the conference takes place 9:30am-1:00pm on Saturday.

Where? The conference is virtual and in-person at satellite sites around the diocese.

Why should I come? To experience the love of God in a new and profound way.

I Thirst will feature a series of talks on God's desire for us from **Mother Adela Galindo**, foundress of the Pierced Heart Sisters of Jesus and Mary, **Br. Adam Neri** of the Brotherhood of Hope and Director of Campus Ministry at UCF, and **Michelle and Asís Lopez**, leaders of Catholic Campus Ministry at the University of Miami.

Reflections will be available in **English, Spanish, Portuguese, and Creole**. To register visit <https://mfc2021.eventbrite.com> or scan the QR code.



WEBINAR SERIES ON THE LITURGICAL BOOKS

Don't forget to sign up for the new FDLC webinar series on the Liturgical Books! Although the series has begun, they will continue every Wednesday until March 2021.

These weekly 75-minute seminars are FREE! Online registration is easy! Visit <https://www.fdlc.org/formation>

[SAN PEDRO SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER](#)

San Pedro Spiritual Development Center is offering a variety of online resources to help you continue spiritual development during this time of social distancing. The following link has many free resources.

<https://www.sanpedrocenter.org/spiritualresources>

LITURGICAL CORNER

Ministry of Liturgy

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Diaper Distribution. There are many volunteer opportunities at the Rosemont Mission Market and mobile food drops. To sign up, [CLICK HERE](#)

FORMATION

FORMATION WEEKEND: Classes for the 2020-2021 semester will be listed as soon as they are available.

Cohort	Saint Leo Course	Dimensional Workshop
All		
2022	Christology	The Married Deacon & Vow of Celibacy
2024	Foundations of Philosophy	Cross-Cultural Communication
2026		Discernment Session #3 Proclaimer of the Word

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars

For a complete calendar of events visit the [Deacon Webpage](#).

QUESTIONS? If you have questions you would like to see addressed by this office, you may email them to dcamous@orlandodiocese.org or jkuhn@orlandodiocese.org.

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