



DIRECTOR'S NOTES FOR DEACONS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER



DEACON GIVES FROM THE HEART

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Whaley Street's construction crew were already well into their work at sunrise. A radio blasted the tinny, treble riffs of Classic Rock tunes as they climbed ladders. While one crew member navigated an AC duct into the rafters another one used special fireproof caulk to seal any openings between the 2x4's of what would be the garage when finished in a few weeks.

The foreman in charge of the site is not only a seasoned general contractor with four decades of experience, but also a beloved Palm Bay deacon.

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REGISTER NOW!

CONVOCATION:

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2022

The Annual Deacon Convocation will be held Saturday, October 1, 2022, at Holy Family Parish in Orlando, starting with Mass with Bishop Noonan at 8 a.m. at which we will renew our vows. Formation Cohort 2024 will also receive their Rite of Lector. We will welcome Deacon Lucio Caruso from the Archdiocese of Louisville, KY, as our featured speaker. He will share with us on the topic, "The Divine Way of Jesus: Following His Descending Path of Love." Deacon Lucio is an engaging speaker known for his joyful humor and his ability to excite people about their faith. He was ordained in 2010 for the Archdiocese of Louisville and served for 13 years as the Director of Mission for Catholic Charities Louisville. He recently retired to focus on his parish assignment where he serves as Pastoral Ministry Director. In addition to our Saturday Convocation, we also hope to host a Friday evening social for deacons and wives if sufficient numbers sign up in advance. Please sign up at the links below!

Please note attendance at Convocation is required for all active deacons and may only be excused with a written request sent in advance to the Director of Permanent Deacons.

[Register for our Friday Evening Social – Click here](#)

[Register for our Diaconate Convocation- Click here](#)



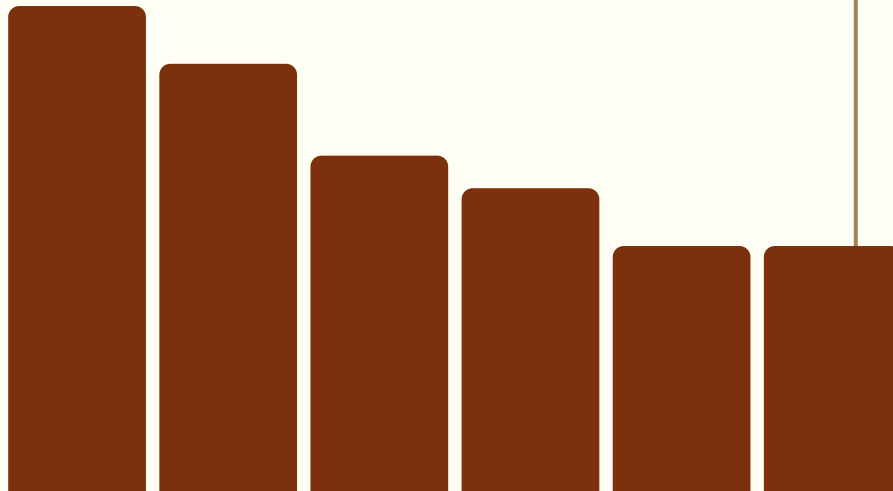
DIACONATE CONVOCATION AND RITE OF LECTOR FOR COHORT 2024

October 1, 2022
Mass begins at 8:00 a.m.

Holy Family Parish
5125 S Apopka Vineland Rd, Orlando, FL 32819

Our Friday evening social will be on September 30, 2022 at Holy Family Parish beginning at 6:00 PM

NOW DUE: ANNUAL FORMS



Current Deneary Standings:

65.7% Southern

61.1% Eastern

54.2% Western

52.9% Central North

50.9% Central South

48.8% Northern

Once again confirming that most of us like friendly competition, the number of annual forms submitted this year has continued to rise. We now have 113 forms submitted!

Here are the current standings on how your deanery is doing. Note Eastern has jumped from last all the way up to third place, and Central North has slipped past Central South.

Please remember annually completing these forms is required for you to receive letters of good standing should you wish to serve outside your parish. Please don't delay and turn them in now.

[Click to Download Annual Forms](#)

NEW DEACON DEANERY LEADS

Please join us in welcoming several new Deacon Dean Lead's who have agreed to take on the responsibilities of helping coordinate activities for deacon couples and of those in formation for their deaneries. They also serve as part of the deacon advisory board for the Diocese of Orlando.

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| ·Deacon Kurt Slafkovsky | Eastern Deanery |
| ·Deacon Chris Meehan | Southern Deanery |
| ·Deacon Dave Baker | Central North Deanery |

Deacon Leads Continuing Their Terms

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| ·Deacon Chuck Lee | Northern Deanery |
| ·Deacon Jim Spindler | Western Deanery |
| ·Deacon Rick Chabot | Central North Deanery |

We express our sincere thanks to Deacon Nick Amicone (Eastern), Deacon Tom Flavell (Southern), and Deacon German Romero (Central North) who have served us so well in these leadership roles over the past several years. Please stay in touch with your deanery leads and attend quarterly deanery meetings to stay connected with all that is happening in your deanery and in the diocese throughout the year.



ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF EXTERNS

The new assignment of roles continue with our administration of Externs, deacons ordained in another diocese who applied for faculties in the Diocese of Orlando.

After many years of faithful service in this capacity, Deacon Paul Volkerson has finally convinced us to let him step down from this important role, and Deacon German Romero, who just completed his term as Central North Dean Lead, has moved into this new role as Deacon Paul's successor. Deacon German is currently working on a new Extern Orientation.

Stay tuned for upcoming announcements.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL SERVICE, DEACON PAUL VOLKERSON



WELCOME TO THE ROLE, DEACON GERMAN ROMERO



DIACONATE ENDOWMENT FUND

Please help grow our benevolent fund to provide tuition assistance for formation of new deacons and continuing formation for those already ordained. The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida helps manage this fund. Please 'pay it forward' to ensure the vitality of the Diaconate in the Diocese of Orlando.

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PAY IT FORWARD



CONTINUING FORMATION



SPONSORED BY LAITY, FAMILY AND LIFE SECRETARIAT

Ministry Professionals Gatherings will transform this fall into shorter, localized gatherings where we will take a deep dive into the Church's vision for formation, evangelization, and catechesis. Everyone on staff is invited to attend. All meetings will be from 10am-1pm and include lunch and breakout discussions according to area of ministry. Please see the dates below for the fall/first quarter of the year.

LAITY, FAMILY AND LIFE MINISTRY FALL DEANERY MEETING DATES

- Northern Deanery, Tuesday, August 30 @ Our Lady of the Springs
- Central South Deanery, Thursday, September 1 @ St. James Cathedral
- Western Deanery, Thursday, September 8 @ St. John Neumann
- Eastern Deanery, Tuesday, September 13 @ Our Lady of Hope

[Click to register](#)

IN REMEMBRANCE

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Kathleen Floyd, mother of Deacon Stephen Floyd of Blessed Trinity in Ocala.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Father Frank Smith, priest of the Diocese of Orlando. Father Frank worked on the establishment of the Permanent Diaconate in our diocese.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.



MEMORIAL MASS FOR CLERGY

Gather at San Pedro Spiritual Development Center on the last Friday of each month to pray for priests and deacons on the anniversary of their deaths, and for laity recently buried at Queen of Angels Cemetery.

CELEBRATIONS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MOST SENIOR DEACONS!

Deacon Edward Stives- 91

Deacon Hector Colon-Defendimi- 88

Deacon James Wade- 85

Deacon Richard Krick- 84

Deacon Juan Vargas- 83



CHEERS TO YOU!



WELCOME OUR NEWEST EXTERN DEACON!

Deacon John Huether, a native of Long Island, NY, was ordained a deacon in the Diocese of Evansville, Indiana, in 2013. Deacon John served in the Development Office of St. Meinrad Archabbey and School of Theology from 2003-2019. John and his wife, Jane, have moved to Winter Haven from Indiana via Tucson, AZ, where they lived for two years, to be closer to family. Deacon John is currently finalizing his pastoral assignment but will soon be serving in a parish in the Western Deanery.

CELEBRATIONS CONT.

Deacon Darrell Buono has taken a more direct path from his birthplace in Brooklyn, NY, to Central Florida. Deacon Darrell was ordained in the Diocese of Rockville Center in 2012 and has moved to Central Florida to accept a job as a Theology teacher at Melbourne Central Catholic High School. Deacon Darrell has a long career which includes educational and business publishing, high school campus ministry, and parish and diocesan ministry. Darrell and his wife, Diane, have just moved into a home inland from the coast to be closer to their son who works at Disney and daughter attending Rollins College. He, too, is finalizing his pastoral assignment, but will soon be assigned to a parish in the Central South Deanery.



WELCOME!

THANK YOU!



NO REST FOR THE WEARY!

Please join us in congratulating Jennifer Kuhn who has done such a great job in so many capacities in support of our Office of Permanent Deacons that she has recently added administrative support responsibilities for the Office of Senior Priests. Please share your support, and prayers, with her as she takes on this additional role!

DEACONS' DEN PODCAST



Deacons down, but not out! Learn how the team pulled together a beautiful Ordination despite Covid challenges.

AVAILABLE ON:

[Apple Podcasts](#)
[SoundCloud](#)



SAN PEDRO SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER

San Pedro Spiritual Development Center offers a variety of resources to continue spiritual development. Check out the upcoming events at the link below:

<https://www.sanpedrocenter.org/upcoming-events>



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2026	SUMMER BREAK	FORMATION RETREAT

DEACONS' PRAYER

Heavenly Father,
since the time of the Apostles
you have inspired the Church
to commission certain members
to assist in a special way
in the pastoral mission of Christ.

Bless the deacons
and all other ordained
and non-ordained ministers
that they may be humble
and faith-inspired in their service.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Amen

