



# DIRECTOR'S NOTES FOR DEACONS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER



## BISHOP'S LETTER: SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS

My Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Through the Sacrament of Baptism, God calls us as His own and we accept the call to bring Him forth within our daily living. Simply, we are called to share our faith with one another. Sharing our faith means that we know what we believe, so that we are able to live as God calls us to live; within the light of His grace. Imagine a world where all the baptized Catholics earnestly pursued God's call? Indeed, what a wonderful world it would be!

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# DIACONATE CONVOCAATION

We are eager to see you at our annual Deacon Convocation, Saturday, October 1st, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Orlando. Doors open at 7 a.m. with a continental breakfast. We will celebrate Mass at 8:30 a.m. with Bishop Noonan. We will renew our promises and Formation Cohort 2024 will receive the Rite of Lector. Deacon Lucio Caruso from the Archdiocese of Louisville will be our keynote speaker. He will lead us to reflect on "The Divine Way of Jesus: Following His Descending Path of Love." For those who previously registered for the evening social, the event will take place on, September 30th, 6 p.m. also at Holy Family Parish.

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# REPORTING OF AN ALLEGATION OF ABUSE

Do you know what steps to immediately take if someone comes to you with a report of abuse, or if you have cause to reasonably suspect that a vulnerable person has been subjected to abuse? Fortunately, these cases are not something we encounter daily, but when they do, we must ensure that we follow Diocesan Safe Environment Policy. Here are the required steps:

- Make a report as required by law directly to the Florida Department of Children and Family Services (DCF). Any mandatory report may be made by calling the toll-free statewide abuse or neglect registry at 1-800-96ABUSE, or by calling the local DCF office responsible for receiving such reports. Please note time and place of call, name of person taking the report and any report or case number for future references.
- A verbal report to DCF shall be confirmed in writing to the local DCF office within forty-eight (48) hours of making the verbal report.
- If the alleged perpetrator is a teacher, social worker, or licensed mental health professional, the event should also be reported to the Department of Professional Regulations (DPR) at 1-800-445-6739. Please record the name of the person taking the call and case number.
- Comply with instructions given by DPR regarding report of event and any additional actions.
- Immediately after telephoning DCF and DPR, notify the pastor, school principal, director of religious education, or other responsible supervisor. Immediately after receiving this notification of reported abuse, the supervisor must contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator at 407-246-7179.

Additionally, if you are approached by a person who wishes to speak about an existing report or claim of abuse, politely redirect them to speak only to the Victim Assistance Coordinator about the case. Do not engage in further discussion of this issue. Let's all do our best to keep all vulnerable persons safe. Thank you!





# PRIESTS' CONVOCAATION

I was invited to attend this year's Priests' Convocation, September 6-8, 2022, which provided me many opportunities to connect with the priests of our diocese. I conversed with many pastors about their ideas for greater partnership with the deacons assigned to their parish, and in many cases, the need for more deacons to work in ministry. I provided information on our current formation model and the steps they should take to identify and bring forth new applicants from their parishes.

It was an enjoyable and productive two days, and I am so glad I was able to attend and work with our pastors and priests to deepen ministerial collaboration between priests and deacons.





# HOMILETIC WORKSHOP:

## DISCERNING THE PEARL OF GREAT PRICE

Join Father David Scotchie for a free two-hour homiletic workshop on how to identify the core message for your homily that you want your congregation to take home. How do you identify that 'pearl of great price?' Father David is the pastor of Nativity Parish in Longwood. Ordained in 1993 for the Diocese of Orlando, he has served in six parishes and was the campus minister at the University of Central Florida. He earned a Doctor of Ministry in Preaching from the Aquinas Institute in St. Louis and teaches as an instructor in the Permanent Deacon Formation program for St. Meinrad School of Theology.

**WHEN:** Saturday, October 8, 2022

**TIME:** 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

**WHERE:** Nativity Parish, 3255 Ronald Reagan Blvd, Longwood, FL

**AGENDA:**

- 8:30 a.m. Mass
- 9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast
- 9:30-11:30 a.m. Homiletic Workshop

Please RSVP by emailing Deacon Dave at [dcamous@orlandodiocese.org](mailto:dcamous@orlandodiocese.org)

# MEETINGS

## NEW EXTERN ORIENTATION MEETING

We just hosted our first Deacon Extern orientation meeting, September 14, 2022, at the chancery. Seven extern deacons who recently joined our diocese met with established deacons in the diocese as well as key leadership personnel in the chancery. This half day meeting allowed them to deepen their knowledge of and connection to the Diocese of Orlando. We plan to offer meetings such as this once or twice a year depending on the number of new externs. If you joined the diocese in the last couple of years and would like to be on the list for the next gathering, please let Jennifer know: [jkuhn@orlandodiocese.org](mailto:jkuhn@orlandodiocese.org).



## FORMATION

Our 2020-2023 Formation year has begun. Please pray for the 15 men and their families who have begun formal discernment year. If called, they will become our Cohort 2028. Cohort 2026 is beginning Aspirancy Year 2. Cohort 2024 is beginning Candidacy Year 2 and will receive their Rite of Lector at this year's Convocation. Please keep all these men and their families in your prayers.

Please also pray for the formation team who faithfully guides them.

# MINISTRIES

## TOURISM MINISTRY

Please consider volunteering for this ministry.  
There are numerous opportunities for you to serve.

Contact Deacon Joe Gassman to inquire  
Email him at [jgassman@orlandodiocese.org](mailto:jgassman@orlandodiocese.org)

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# IN REMEMBRANCE

## MEMORIAL MASS FOR CLERGY

Scheduled for September 30, 2022, at San Pedro's Mary, Mother of God Chapel. Mass begins at 8:30 a.m. preceded by Morning Prayer. The Mass is for the intention of all diocesan clergy whose anniversary of death is in the current month, and for all the lay faithful recently buried at Queen of Angels Cemetery.



HE WILL WIPE  
EVERY TEAR  
FROM THEIR  
EYES, AND  
THERE SHALL  
BE NO MORE  
DEATH OR  
MOURNING,  
WAILING OR  
PAIN, [FOR]  
THE OLD  
ORDER HAS  
PASSED AWAY.”

REVELATION 21:4

# CELEBRATIONS

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MOST SENIOR DEACONS!

Deacon Susano Neris- 88

Deacon Jacinto Ortiz- 86

Deacon Rafael Gonzalez- 80

Deacon Carl Orbon- 80



CHEERS TO YOU!

# BLUE MASS 2022

FEAST OF SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL, AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS

Save the Date  
09.29.22

12:10 p.m.  
St. James Cathedral

# BLUE MASS

Honoring our first responders



  
   
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# 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>



## LITURGICAL CORNER



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# FORMATION

COHORT	SAINT LEO COURSE	DIMENSIONAL WORKSHOP
2024	CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY	STEWARDSHIP OF LIFE
2026	PHILOSOPHICAL FOUNDATIONS	BAPTISMAL PREPARATION
2028		WHAT IS DISCERNMENT?

## 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*

