



OFFICE OF THE PERMANENT DIACONATE



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



*The Office for Permanent Deacons wishes you and your families
a blessed and joyful Easter season!*

FEATURED

ORDINATION TO THE PERMANENT DIACONATE, SATURDAY, JUNE 11TH!

It is with great joy that we invite every deacon and wife to attend the Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate of eighteen men from fifteen different parishes on Saturday, June 11, 2002, 10am, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe, 8300 Vineland Road, Orlando. This will be the largest diaconal ordination class in the history of the Diocese of Orlando! This year we are pleased that there are no restrictions on attendance to this happy and sacred occasion. As we expect the Basilica to fill, Jennifer has sent out a request for RSVPs from deacons so we can ensure there is enough clergy seating reserved. Deacons will sit in choir, vested in alb and diocesan stole. Wives will sit in general seating, so we encourage you to get there early to ensure a good seat! IF YOU HAVEN'T REGISTER, [CLICK HERE](#).



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

These young men will be celebrating birthdays. Let's wish them a very blessed year!

Deacon Jerry Kelly, St. Mary Magdalen, Altamonte Springs, has turned 83

Deacon Rafael Mejia, St. Joseph, Orlando, has turned 83

Deacon Luis Abreu, St. John Vianney, Orlando, has turned 82

Deacon Robert Basye, St. Timothy, Leesburg, has turned 81

Deacon Dave Wendell, is turning 80

Deacon Antonio Martinez, St. Joseph, Lakeland, is turning 86

Deacon Frank Falotico, St. Joseph, Palm Bay, is turning 86

Deacon Celso Diaz, Holy Cross, Orlando, is turning 88

Deacon Robert Laplante, St. Peter, Deland, is turning 89

Deacon Andy Murello, St. Mary, Rockledge, is turning 90

PURIFICATION OF SACRED VESSELS AT MASS

The Office of Permanent Deacons has been asked to provide a refresher course on purifying sacred vessels after Holy Communion. This has been requested because many times this process takes far too long to complete. While it will be difficult to gather all 234 of our deacons in one place for a training class, we'd like to share a few reminders.

Purification of sacred vessels may be performed by clergy or formally instituted acolytes. It may be done during Mass or immediately thereafter, if doing so during Mass would result in a significant delay. It may be done at the altar, at the credence table, or in the sacristy after Mass.

Except for flat patens which cannot contain water for rinsing, and, therefore, should have fragments wiped carefully into a chalice; all other vessels should be purified with a small amount of water that is swirled to ensure it collects any fragments of the Body of Christ or remaining Precious Blood. A single swirl around the vessel should be sufficient. The diluted contents of one vessel may be poured into another for its own purification. This allows the person purifying to consume liquid from the last cup purified. Drying of cups is not required, but may be completed by another assisting minister.

The purification of vessels should never draw disproportionate time or attention away from the Liturgy of the Eucharist or the Concluding Rites. Thank you for your increased focus on this in service.

PASTORS REQUESTING DEACONS!

Two wonderful pastors need deacons! Father Matthew Vettath at St. Francis parish in Apopka, and Fr. David Scotchie at Nativity parish in Longwood are requesting loving servants of God to join their clergy team. If you feel God may be calling you to explore this next step in your ministry, please contact Deacon Dave [\(407\) 246-4878](tel:4072464878).

ANNUAL FORMS

The Clock is Ticking! Annual forms must be submitted by June 1st. Please start scheduling your meetings with your pastors now. Each year you must submit the Self-Assessment, Pastor Assessment, and the Continuing Formation form. [Click here to download the forms](#)

UPDATE ON APPLICATIONS

The process to determine which men will be invited into the formal discernment year for the Permanent Diaconate as part of Cohort 2028 is approaching completion. Forty-eight men attended last fall's discernment nights. Pastors requested applications for forty of those men. Twenty-five applications were completed and reviewed by a seven-member admission team. Twenty interviews have been completed and recommendations to the Bishop will be made in May. Please pray for all applicants and the admissions team.

IN MEMORIAM

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Dcn. Daniel Feinbaum, Port Orange
*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
and may perpetual light shine upon him.*

ADMINISTRATIVE

[NORMS FOR DEACONS SERVING AT MASS](#)

Did you know diocesan norms for deacons are readily available on our website? These were written in partnership with the Bishop's Office as well as the Diocesan Office of Liturgy. While your parish may have different customs, these are the norms. Especially important are items highlighted for Masses with the Bishop. [CLICK TO READ NORMS.](#)

[DIACONATE ENDOWMENT FUND](#)

Please 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. Help 'pay it forward' to ensure the vitality of the Diaconate in the Diocese of Orlando. [CLICK TO LEARN MORE.](#)

CONTINUING FORMATION



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Are you caught up on all 15 episodes? New episode coming soon!



Deacon Summer Institute

Each year St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary sponsors the Deacon Summer Institute, a study week of ongoing formation for permanent deacons. The Institute provides inspiring presentations, intellectual stimulation, and time for prayerful recollection - all in a pleasant, peaceful environment. Private accommodations. Great food. Good camaraderie.



June 5 - 10, 2022

Ratio incarnation is:

The Spirituality of the Church Fathers

Presenter: Father Briggs Hurley

Join Father Hurley for an exciting week-long exploration of the spirituality of the Fathers of the Church. Father gave us a glimpse into what the week will be when he wrote: “We encounter perhaps the most succinct synthesis of theology upon the lips of the Beloved Disciple: *The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us* (Jn 1:14). The Word, who from all eternity has dwelled with the Father and the Spirit in the Blessed Trinity, became *incarnate*, manifesting the Godhead to our world in a way radically different than ever before. If we trace the footsteps of the Fathers of the Church, we become immediately aware that – in not a few instances – their questions are our own; we, too, grapple within a familiar framework of language, interpretation, and meaning, and identify with their contemplation of self and our shared human nature in general.”

[Deacon Summer Institute Schedule](#)

COST: \$595 - Tuition, Room and Meals

\$350 - Commuter - Tuition & Meals

[Register Here](#)

For information, please fill out this [Contact Form](#) and you will reach Sr. Mary Roberta Connors directly or [\(561\) 732-4424](tel:5617324424) x. 173.

MINISTRY PROFESSIONAL GATHERINGS

May Ministry Professionals Gathering – Retreat for Ministry Leaders, May 19 at UCF’s Catholic Campus Ministry Center

Please join us for a retreat led by Fr. Ben Berinti. As we close out the ministry year, we would love to gather with you to rejoice in the good things the Lord has done in and through you, and to rest in God’s grace and love for us. This event is also free and will include lunch. As we did last year, we welcome entire parish staffs if your pastor would like to make this day a retreat for the entire office.

[Click here to register.](#)

SAN PEDRO SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER

San Pedro Spiritual Development Center offers a variety of online resources to help you continue spiritual development during this time of social distancing.

<https://www.sanpedrocenter.org/at-home-retreats>

Memorial Mass for Clergy: Mary, Mother of God Chapel, Friday, May 27, 2022.

- 8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Hours for the Dead
- 8:30 a.m. Memorial Mass for Priests, Deacons & Laity recently buried

LITURGICAL CORNER

Ministry of Liturgy

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FORMATION



Cohort	Saint Leo Course	Dimensional Workshop
2022	<i>Graduated!</i>	All Cohorts May Formation Day -
2024	Ecclesiology	“Partnership with Diocesan Partners”
2026	<i>Summer break</i>	

