



OFFICE OF THE PERMANENT DIACONATE



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

FEATURED



What functions are proper for a deacon to perform at Mass? Bruce Croteau, Director of Liturgy, breaks down serving within the liturgy. [CLICK TO LISTEN](#)



The observances of National Marriage Week (Feb. 7-14) and World Marriage Day (Sunday, Feb. 13) are an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family. Our theme for 2022 is "[Called to the Joy of Love.](#)"

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

This young man is celebrating an octogenarian birthday. Let's wish him a very happy day and blessed year!

Deacon Rafael Hernandez, St. Andrew, Orlando, is turning 89



[ANNUAL DEACON AND WIFE RETREATS](#)

We are pleased to announce wives may once again join our deacon retreats this year. We are offering three in English, one in Spanish. ***Please register now!***

All retreats run from Friday evening through midday Sunday at San Pedro Spiritual Development Center, 2400 Dike Road, Winter Park, FL.

February 25-27, 2022 - Directed by Father Paul Ruttle, CP, from Our Lady of Florida Spiritual Center. As a Passionist Priest from the Palm Beach Retreat Center, Father Paul is an accomplished retreat director with experience in ministry to our world. [CLICK TO REGISTER.](#)

Note: The February retreat will also be livestreamed for deacons unable to attend. Please contact Jennifer if you wish to receive the link. We must confirm attendance for receive credit for attending the retreat.

March 25-27 - Directed by Sisters of the Pierced Heart of Jesus and Mary. The sisters last directed a retreat for our deacons and wives in 2019 to rave reviews. We are delighted to have them back! [CLICK TO REGISTER.](#)

April 22-24 - (Spanish) Directed by Father Hector Troche, priest from Archdiocese of Miami. Father Hector is a 'late vocation,' entering seminary after his wife passed away. As a man who has experienced both the vocations of marriage and Ordination, he promises to bring a unique insight for deacon couples and their families. [CLICK TO REGISTER.](#)

ADMINISTRATIVE

[ANNUAL FORMS](#)

Annual forms are due June 1, 2022. Please schedule meetings with pastors now. Remember to download current forms. Each year you must submit the Self-Assessment, Pastor Assessment, and the Continuing Formation form. [CLICK TO DOWNLOAD FORMS.](#)

[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.](#)

LETTERS OF GOOD STANDING

As you plan vacations, please request a letter of good standing if you wish to serve while away. [CLICK FOR INSTRUCTIONS.](#)

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



SYNOD LISTENING SESSION FACILITATOR TRAINING

Dr. Dan Boyd and Tomás Evans will offer two facilitator webinar trainings on February 8 (Spanish) and 9 (English), both at 7:30pm. They will provide a brief introduction to the Synod, explain the possible format for listening sessions, then finish with pointers for facilitators to make sure they guide conversations towards positive, spirit-led conclusions.

Tema: Capacitación de Facilitadores de Sesiones de Escucha del Sínodo (ESPAÑOL)

Hora: 8 de febrero de 2022, 07:30 PM hora del este (US y Canadá)

Únase a la reunión de Zoom

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87140856005?pwd=bzlTSIBHbGZlU3FVd0RRLzdjSGR3UT09>

ID de reunión: 871 4085 6005

Código de acceso: 548721

Encuentre su número local: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/k7R4Soit>

Topic: Synod Listening Sessions Facilitator Training 2/9/22

Time: February 9, 2022, 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82435569981?pwd=NTdCWjM1SGYxVGdNRi9FYW1Xd0dqUT09>

Meeting ID: 824 3556 9981

Passcode: 289697

Find your local number: <https://us06web.zoom.us/u/kdSPE3Gzbl>

**Theology Panel:
Deacons: Sentinels and Guardians of Service in The Church**

**A FREE ONLINE INTERACTIVE SEMINAR FEATURING:
BISHOP GREGORY PARKES, BISHOP STEPHEN PARKES, AND
DR. MICHAEL TKACIK
WEDNESDAY WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9 FROM 7-8:30PM**

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[HTTPS://SAINTLEO.ZOOM.US/J/4100256986?pwd=MOZwRjllb01xVOJHAFIVT0xFAKJxQT09](https://saintleo.zoom.us/j/4100256986?pwd=MOZwRjllb01xVOJHAFIVT0xFAKJxQT09)

MEETING ID: 410 025 6986

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MARRIAGE RECHARGE WORKSHOP AT SAN PEDRO



San Pedro is offering a special workshop to help couples strengthen their marriage and build beautiful domestic churches.

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The Rise Up Men's Conference of the Diocese of Orlando has tried to nurture and strengthen men's spirituality for the last seven years and bring them to a personal encounter with Christ through talks, prayer experience, small group reflection, and faith sharing.

This year's conference will be held on Saturday, March 26, 2022, 8:30am - 3:00pm at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church, 861 Maitland Avenue, Altamonte Springs, FL. This year's main theme is "*Be a Hero for Jesus.*"

To all men: "You are called by God to be the spiritual leader of your family and community. You are called to be heroic! Our Men's Conference will teach you how to live a heroic life for Jesus, united with other brothers in the faith. Catholic best-selling author, Jon Leonetti, will lead us in a day of workshops, praise and worship, Reconciliation, and fellowship. Join us to better answer your call to live a heroic life in Christ!"

The 2022 conference will feature presentations in English, Spanish, and Portuguese, and it will take place at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church, Altamonte Springs.

[CLICK 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>

In addition, **Sunday Masses will resume February 6, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. in the Mary, Mother of God Chapel.**

Memorial Mass for Clergy: Mary, Mother of God Chapel on February 25, 2022.

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

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FORMATION

Cohort	Saint Leo Course	Dimensional Workshop
2022		Pascal Triduum w/ Dcn Dave Camous and Mass with the Bishop w/ Jon Trout
2024	Homiletics	Married Deacon & Vow of Celibacy w/ Dcn Dave Camous
2026	Christian History	Couple Identity w/ Regina and Dan Boyd

IN MEMORIAM

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Judy Somma, wife of Dcn. Al Somma, St. Joseph, Palm Bay

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

