



OFFICE OF THE PERMANENT DIACONATE



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



Our 18 Newly Ordained Deacons!

FEATURED

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

The Basilica Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe was packed to capacity as we welcomed 18 men into the Holy Order of Deacon. After six years of intense formation, these men from fifteen different parishes are now sent to be Christ’s hands and feet to the People of God in the Diocese of Orlando. Please pray for them and provide them your fraternal love and support as they begin their ministry of Word, Liturgy and Service.



GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPEAKING OF ORDINATIONS . . . DEACON DON BOLAND CELEBRATES 40 YEARS!!



On June 5th, Deacon Don Boland celebrated his 40th anniversary as a deacon. Don was in the first class ordained for the Diocese of Orlando! Deacon Don also holds the distinction of being the ‘senior deacon’ of our diocese at a still strong 95 years of age.

*Congratulations, Deacon Don,
On your many years of faithful service!*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

Deacon Don Boland, St. Teresa, Titusville, is turning 95.

Deacon John Crotty, Good Shepherd, is turning 91.

**Deacon Howard Pettengill, Immaculate Conception, Melbourne Beach,
is turning 90.**

Deacon John Bellacicco, St Timothy, Lady Lake, is turning 85.

Deacon Al Somma, St. Joseph, Palm Bay, is turning 85.

Deacon James Brown, St Matthew, Winter Haven, is turning 80.

NOW DUE....ANNUAL FORMS

Congratulations to the 84 deacons who have already submitted their annual forms. Each year our community gets a little timelier. Remember that every active deacon must submit the Self-Assessment, Pastor Assessment, and the Continuing Formation forms. Here's the current standings on how your deanery is doing:

Southern:	41.9%
Western:	40.7%
Central South:	38.1%
Central North:	30.0%
Northern:	24.5%
Eastern:	22.2%

[Click here to download the forms.](#)

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

SAVE THE DATE FOR CONVOCATION: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2022

Lock this date in now! The Annual Deacon Convocation will be held Saturday, October 1, 2022, at Holy Family Church in Orlando. We are currently in discussions to bring in as our keynote a highly recommended, and engaging deacon as our featured speaker. We will also renew our vows and have time to enjoy reconnecting with our brother deacons and wives. Please note that attendance at Convocation is required for all active deacons and may only be excused with a written request send in advance to the Director of Permanent Deacons.

IN MEMORIAM

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Doris Esther Mundo de Cruz, wife of Deacon Juan Cruz

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

ADMINISTRATIVE

[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.](#)

[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.](#)

CONTINUING FORMATION

[CONTINUING FORMATION SPONSORED BY LAITY, FAMILY AND LIFE SECRETARIAT](#)

Below find opportunities for a married couples retreat, continuing formation opportunity, and a vocations awareness notice all sponsored by the Laity, Family and Life secretariat of the Diocese of Orlando.

Revive: Married Couples Retreat, June 24-26, 2022 at San Pedro

We invite all married couples throughout the diocese to attend the Revive married couples retreat at San Pedro, co-sponsored by the office of Marriage and Family Ministry and San Pedro. This retreat will be led by [Jim and Meg Beckman](#), and include Mass, Adoration, Confession, fellowship, time for intimate conversation, and more.

[Click here to register and learn more.](#) Cost is \$350 per couple for a private room, or \$170 for the commuter rate.

Early Catholic Family Life Training Workshop, June 11, 2022

We invite all involved in children's catechesis to attend a training for EARLY CATHOLIC FAMILY LIFE (ECFL). This is an powerful way to bring parents with young children into the life of the parish and to assist them to develop the spirituality their children were given at baptism.

To register for this free workshop, [click here](#).

To find out more about ECFL, visit their website here: <https://www.earlycatholicfamilylife.org/>.

Quo Vadis retreat

Please helps the Office of Vocations spread the word about their annual discernment retreat for young men, Quo Vadis, August 1-3 at San Pedro. If you know any young men who are serious about following Jesus, whether they feel called to priesthood, a career in eSports, or both, please encourage them to attend. This is an opportunity to learn how to listen to God and grow as a follower of Jesus Christ and no matter their vocation, this retreat will serve them well. You can share the [registration link](#) or use these flyers: [ENGLISH](#) | [SPANISH](#).

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, June 24, 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>	
2024	Ecclesiology	
2026	<i>Summer break</i>	