



## OFFICE OF THE PERMANENT DIACONATE



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

### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

These young men are celebrating octogenarian birthdays. Let’s wish them a very happy day and blessed year!

**Deacon Bob Turbitt, St. Timothy, Leesburg, is turning 84**

**Deacon Tommy Tate, Holy Cross, Orlando, is turning 81**

**Deacon Esteban Cruz, St. Catherine of Siena, Kissimmee, is turning 81**

#### ANNUAL DEACON AND WIFE RETREATS

We are pleased to announce wives will once again be able to join deacons on retreat this year. We are offering three English language retreats and one Spanish language retreat. **Registration opens soon!**

We are still finalizing schedules of our Retreat Masters, but please see below for the current lineup. All retreats run from Friday evening through midday Sunday at San Pedro Spiritual Development Center, 2400 Dike Road, Winter Park, FL.

**January 21-23, 2022 - 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.

**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.

**March 25-27, 2022 - TBD**

**April 22-24, 2022 - (Spanish Language) TBD**



## CONTINUING FORMATION SURVEY

Thank you to the 72 men responded to our brief survey regarding continuing formation. The three highest areas of interest were: 1. Homiletics; 2. Canon Law and the Sacraments; and 3. Presiding at the Rites of the Church for a Deacon.

Regarding length of the class, the vast majority preferred a half-day workshop or less (1-2 hours). More than 50% of respondents prefer an in-person class.

As a result of your feedback, here are the next steps. We will plan a series of in-person workshops that also be recorded for those who cannot attend. Over the next few weeks, we will solidify the schedule for the first few offerings set to begin in early 2022. We have already begun conversations with Father David Scotchie for homiletics, the Tribunal for Canon Law, and the Office of Liturgy for the Liturgical Rites. Look for more information in the December Director's Notes.

## November 7-13 is National Vocations Awareness Week

The Diocese of Orlando strives to build a culture that allows young people to discern where the Lord is leading them. This year the Office of Vocations worked with the Office of Communications to create a couple of videos promoting vocations. We pray you consider showing them during your announcements at Mass either the weekend of November 6-7 or the weekend of November 13-14.

This is NOT a special collection. We are simply asking people to pray for vocations and open their hearts to hear God's call. The videos can be found in the following [Dropbox](#), along with a bulletin insert, instructions for Holy Hour for vocations and (also new this year!) prayer cards featuring our Diocese of Orlando seminarians. The videos can also be found on the [Diocese of Orlando YouTube Channel](#):



The Diocese of Orlando will also begin a week-long social media campaign for vocations beginning November 7th. We ask you to follow us @orlandodiocese on

both [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) and share the wonderful stories that will be posted.

## ADMINISTRATIVE

### FILLABLE FORMS ON WEBSITE

We are pleased to announce the forms on our website, such as annual forms, funeral forms, transfer forms, and database update forms, are now fillable forms available directly on our website. We wanted to make this process easier for each of you. You can download the forms and complete them by typing in the required information, save them and email them to Jennifer at [jkuhn@orlandodiocese.org](mailto:jkuhn@orlandodiocese.org).

### DEACON CLEARANCE REMINDER

Just a reminder to our “inactive” Deacons, you **MUST** maintain your clearances and safe environment training every 5 years. We provide at least a 60-day notice before your clearances expire. Per our policy, you no longer need to complete annual forms, however, you must maintain your background checks and [Safe Environment Certification](#) to retain active faculties.

### 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. Our donations help our brothers in need. **Help ‘pay it forward’ to ensure the vitality of the Diaconate in the Diocese of Orlando.** *To learn more, [CLICK HERE.](#)*

## IN MEMORIAM

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Dcn. John Sullivan, St. Timothy Catholic Church

Dcn. Nemsy Gubatan, St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church

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

## CONTINUING FORMATION

### 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>

### LIVE NATIVITY AT SAN PEDRO CENTER

Bring the whole family for our Annual Live Nativity featuring live animals, Christmas carols, food & holiday treats, photos with the Three Kings, Christmas crafts, and presentations of the Live Nativity throughout the evening on Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 6-8pm. Admission is FREE, with food and treats for purchase. [CLICK TO RSVP.](#)

### MINISTRY FORMATION CONFERENCE



**Ministry Formation**

CONFERENCE

**Into the Deep**

When He had finished speaking, He said to Simon, "Put out into the deep, and let down the nets for a catch."

— LUKE 5:4 —

**Feb. 5, 2022**



Love our Catholic faith but not sure how to share it? Join us for the 2022 Ministry Formation Conference, *Into the Deep*, to discover how we can accompany others to a meaningful relationship with Jesus Christ. How do you know what to share with somebody who has never heard the gospel? What do you share with people who were



raised Catholic, but have fallen away? We will answer these questions and more at *Into the Deep*. [REGISTER TODAY!](#)

## E-Scroll Headlines



[Message to aging priests applicable to all:](#) Called, chosen, loved, and blessed was the message of Bishop Gerald Kicanas to senior priests at the Aging with Grace retreat, Nov. 1-3. The bishop arrived prepared, sharing something about himself, Diocese of Orlando bishops, and about priests...



[Lay Ecclesial Ministry helps strengthen parishes:](#) With more than 50% of diocesan priests being 65 or older, and more than half of that group being 70 and older, Father Tim LaBo and Ecumenical Franciscan Louis Canter, have revamped the Lay Ecclesial Ministry program. The new program is accredited through St. Leo University...



[Grieving during COVID-19 – Facing the holidays after loss:](#) “The whole process around our rituals regarding loss – being able to have a memorial, being able to have a funeral, being able to spend time with family and friends in a face-to-face connected kind of way—the interruption of that natural part of the grieving process of our rituals is protracting, pulling out the losses farther,” explains Catherine Galda, director of Catholic Charities of Central Florida’s Behavioral Health Services...

## LITURGICAL CORNER

*Ministry of Liturgy*

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## OUTSIDE THE WALLS

*Ministry of Charity & Justice*

We are pleased to hear so many of you have been able to prudently resume outside the walls' ministry in many forms. We want to hear the stories of your 'return to action.' What has changed? How have you been creative as you reach out to those in need?

***Please take a few minutes to send us an email with your stories so we can share them with your brothers in ministry.***

## FORMATION

Cohort	Saint Leo Course	Dimensional Workshop
2022	Theology and Spirituality of Ministry	Funeral Rite Practicum with Dcn. Chris Meehan
2024	Christology	Conflict in Ministry with Mark Metoyer
2026	History, Theology and Spirituality of the Diaconate Deacon	Self-Identity with Dcn. Joe Gassman

## UPCOMING EVENTS

*Mark Your Calendars*

For a complete calendar of events visit the [Deacon Webpage](#).

**QUESTIONS?** If you have questions you would like to see addressed by this office, you may email them to [dcamous@orlandodiocese.org](mailto:dcamous@orlandodiocese.org) or [jkuhn@orlandodiocese.org](mailto:jkuhn@orlandodiocese.org).

*"I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now."* (Jn 16:12)