



## OFFICE OF THE PERMANENT DIACONATE



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

### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

**Deacon Leonard Martin, Holy Name of Jesus, Indialantic, is turning 94**

**Deacon David Bloom, St. John the Evangelist, Viera, is turning 88**

**Deacon Bruno Weincek, St. Lawrence, Bushell, is turning 84**

#### CONVOCATION



A HUGE Thank You to Holy Family Parish and Father Martin Nguyen for hosting our 2021 Diaconate Convocation. Humble gratitude is also offered to Bishop John Noonan, who presided at our opening liturgy and spent the full day with us, showing his love and respect for the deacons of the Diocese of Orlando. It was amazing to see almost 120 deacons vesting for the Mass and twice that number of total guests for our speakers and lunch. Congratulations to Cohort 2022 who were formally Instituted as Acolyte. Special thanks to Deacon Rick Chabot who served as our liaison with Holy Family throughout the weeks of preparation, and to the men in Cohort 2024 who worked hard on whatever task was assigned to ensure that all the details of the day were executed effectively and efficiently. And, of course, all of this was accomplished under the leadership and direction of the amazing Administrative Assistant of the Office of Permanent Deacons, Jennifer Kuhn!

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## Mark your calendars for Diaconate Convocation 2022

### October 1, 2022

We will once again offer a Friday evening social event. We will need a minimum of 50 registrants. We are also looking for individuals to join us in planning the 2022 convocation. Interested members can contact Jennifer to be included. Meetings can be attended via Zoom.

### [Diaconate Discernment Nights](#)

We are in full swing with our Discernment Nights. Four nights have already been conducted, in the Western, Central North, Southern, and Northern Deaneries. The dates and places for the remaining two nights are listed below. The Discernment Night starts in prayer at 6:30 p.m. with Exposition, Adoration and Benediction. This is followed by a focused description of the diaconate and requirements for formation. The event ends approximately 8:30 p.m. Local deacons and men in formation are invited to join us in prayer and to provide prayerful and logistical support.

- **October 26, 2021, at the Basilica of St. Paul, Daytona Beach**
- **October 28, 2021, at St. Catherine of Siena, Kissimmee**

*If you know someone discerning the call to the Diaconate, please ask them to attend a discernment night. [CLICK HERE](#) for Registration.*

## 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. Our donations help our brothers in need. *To learn more, [CLICK HERE](#).*

### HELP WITH STOLES

We need diocesan stoles! If you have time and can sew, please let us know. We have the fabric and pattern. If you or wife are interested in helping, please email Jennifer at [jkuhn@orlandodiocese.org](mailto:jkuhn@orlandodiocese.org).

### UPDATED INFORMATION

If you have moved, changed your phone number or email, please let us know. You may complete our status update online. [CLICK HERE FOR THE FORM](#). Then, email it to Jennifer at [jkuhn@orlandodiocese.org](mailto:jkuhn@orlandodiocese.org). We want to keep our clergy database updated.

### WHITE MASS

Please mark your calendars! White Mass will be celebrated on October 9, 2021, at Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary beginning at 6:00 p.m. The White Mass, so named by the color worn by those in the healing profession of medicine, is held in recognition of the dedicated work of healthcare professionals and to ask God's blessing upon patient, doctor, nurse, and caregiver

### RED MASS



Red Mass is a Mass celebrated annually in the Roman Catholic Church for all members of the legal profession, regardless of religious affiliation: judges, lawyers, law school professors, law students, and government officials, marking the opening of the judicial year.

## IN MEMORIAM

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

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

## CONTINUING FORMATION

### UPCOMING CONTINUING FORMATION FOR DEACONS

As mentioned at Convocation, we will soon send out a brief survey to collect your input on continued formation offerings. We have offered a talk from the Diocesan Office of Liturgy on the Funeral Rites of the Church and have had many requests for workshops on different aspects of homiletics. We are also considering a refresher course on Canon Law and the Sacraments. Be on the lookout for this quick, 5-minute survey so we can gather your suggestions for beneficial topics.

### 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>

[WOMEN'S CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITY:](#) To register [CLICK HERE](#)



The poster for the 'Go BEYOND Women's Conference' is titled 'SAVE THE DATE!' and is for Saturday, November 6th, 2021, from 9 am to 3 pm. It features three speakers: Sr. Josephine Garrett (English), Sr. Mariano DeJesus (Spanish), and Márcio Bastos Da Silva (Portuguese). The event is held at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church, 861 Mallard Ave., Altamonte Springs, FL 32701. A vertical banner on the left reads 'born for this'. A painting of a woman in armor is on the right. Contact information for the Secretariat for Laity, Family, and Life is provided at the bottom.

## 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.***

*God bless you for all you do in serving those on the margins!*

## FORMATION

Cohort	Saint Leo Course	Dimensional Workshop
2022	Theology and Spirituality of Ministry	Liturgy of the Mass with Dcn. Dave Camous
2024	Christology	Boundaries with Dcn. Joe Gassman
2026	History, Theology and Spirituality of the Diaconate Deacon	Spiritual Direction with Father Anthony Aarons

## 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)*