



DIRECTOR'S NOTES FOR DEACONS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER



BISHOP'S LETTER: CCCF ANNUAL COLLECTION

My Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, begins his apostolic letter marking the Sixth World Day of the Poor with the words of St. Paul to the Corinthians. "Jesus Christ ...for your sakes became poor." St. Paul spoke to the early Christians as he speaks to us through Jesus for all time reminding us that by our Catholic faith, we are compelled to live in solidarity with all God's people. Our Holy Father asks us to "reflect upon the many forms of poverty all around us."

It is fitting that we pray this Scripture as we take up the Annual Collection for Catholic Charities of Central Florida the weekend of November 19, 20. This important Collection is our prayer to God in thanksgiving for all we are given as we "keep our gaze fixed on Jesus" and offer our return to Him who became poor that we might become rich.



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DIACONATE CONVOCATION

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the Diaconate Convocation on Saturday, October 22nd, at Holy Family Parish. Despite the change of date due to the hurricane, approximately 200 members of our diaconal community attended. We began with a beautiful Mass with Bishop Noonan, concelebrated by Father Martin, Father Shenoy, and Father Tom. Nineteen candidates received the Rite of Lector and we renewed our diaconal vows. In the morning, we were led on a guided reflection on the Path of Downward Mobility by Deacon Lucio Caruso from the Archdiocese of Louisville and capped off the day with a 90-minute afternoon session with Bishop Noonan. For those deacons who attended but did not get a copy of the Henri Nouwen book we gave out, please let Jennifer know by email. We have resolved the issue and the replacement copies should arrive soon.

Special thanks to Jennifer Kuhn, for all she did to quickly 'lift and shift' our convocation to the new date with her usual smooth efficiency!

Mark your calendars now for next year's Convocation and start praying for no storm delays!

Save the Date

ANNUAL DEACON CONVOCATION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023

ANNUNCIATION PARISH

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS, FL

DEACON COUPLE RETREATS

We are excited to announce our deacon couple retreat schedule for this year. All retreats will be held at San Pedro Spiritual Development Center in Winter Park, beginning 5pm on Friday and ending midday Sunday. As always, retreats are open to both deacons and their wives.

January 20-22: Fr. Albert Haase, OFM (Franciscan preacher, teacher, and author).
To Register - [CLICK HERE](#)

February 24-26: Fr. Augustine Wetta, OSB ("Surfing Monk," Author of Humility Rules).
To Register - [CLICK HERE](#)

March 24-26: Deacon Mike and Mary Frances Berstene (Josephinum Diaconate Institute). To Register - [CLICK HERE](#)

April 24-26: Retreat in Spanish. Director TBD.
To Register - [CLICK HERE](#)

Please register early at the links provided, as we expect all of these to be quite popular.



MINISTERING TO OUR CONGREGATIONS AFTER THE ELECTIONS

As political positions held in our country appear to be even more polarizing and divisive with each electoral cycle, it is incumbent upon us, as deacons, to find ways to build bridges and heal the divisions, not only in the months leading up to the elections, but in the months that follow. While our personal views are held just as strongly as those in our pews, as ministers of the Church we must accept our responsibility to minister to not only those with whom we agree, but to those who may hold opposing position. We are called to bring God's love and mercy into every one of these encounters as a Sacramental sign of God's desire to grow deeper in relationship with every person. If our words in conversations or in homilies, or our posts on social media, drive people away from that relationship with God and His Church, then we become a counter sign to our diaconal calling. Let us all work in the months ahead to heal the divisions.



REMINDER

LETTERS OF GOOD STANDING

Please remember Jennifer needs at least two weeks prior to your event or travel time, and you must be in good standing. Otherwise, she will be unable to provide a letter of good standing for you.

If you need a letter of good standing, please [click this link to request it.](#)



CONTINUING FORMATION – WEBINAR ON THE REVISED ORDER OF PENANCE



On October 25th, the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions (FDLC) hosted more than 1000 people on a webinar covering the ***Revised Order of Penance***. This webinar was co-sponsored by the Secretariat of the Bishops' Committee on Divine Worship. The new liturgy encourages parishes to hold more regular "penitential services" like we commonly do in Advent and Lent. Individual confession and absolution will still be the norm during those services. The present form of individual confessions separate from the communal rite will still be in use. In addition, the new Order of Penance includes a new formula for absolution and more dialogue between priest and penitent.

The entire webinar and its handouts have been embedded in the FDLC website. [Click here to watch!](#)



PRAYER LIST UPDATES

Thank you to all who share request for prayers to be included in our monthly community prayer list. Please remember to let us know when you wish to be removed from the list (e.g. you have recovered from your illness or injury). Also, many of you contact us, asking us to pray for another member of the diaconate community. We love that you are doing this, and it is often the only way we find out of a brother deacon's or his family's need for prayer.

Please note we do need to get the permission of the person for whom we are praying, out of respect for their privacy, before we can add them to the list. Knowing the power of prayer, let's continue to be aware of needs and continue to pray for each other.

BLESSED
VIRGIN
MARY,
PRAY
FOR US!



IN REMEMBRANCE

MEMORIAL MASS FOR CLERGY

Scheduled for November 25, 2022, at San Pedro's Mary, Mother of God Chapel. Mass begins at 8:30 a.m. preceded by Morning Prayer. The Mass is for the intention of all diocesan clergy whose anniversary of death is in the current month, and for all the lay faithful recently buried at Queen of Angels Cemetery.



Priests:

Msgr. John Caulfield
Reverend Charles Anderson
Reverend James Fahey
Reverend Thomas Bergin
Reverend George Moreau
Reverend William Killion

Deacons:

Deacon Nemsy Gubatan
Deacon Richard Shaw
Deacon Kevin Mills
Deacon Agapito Olivo
Deacon Robert Kloznick

“THE
LORD
HEALS
THE BROKEN-
HEARTED AND
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THEIR
WOUNDS.”

PSALMS 147:3



CELEBRATIONS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MOST SENIOR DEACONS!

Deacon Robert Turbitt, 85

Deacon Joe Iskra, 82

Deacon Tommy Tate, 82

Deacon Mike Biennas, 80



CHEERS TO YOU!

SAN PEDRO SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER

San Pedro Spiritual Development Center offers a variety of resources to continue spiritual development.

[Click here to check out upcoming events!](#)



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2024	CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY	PARISH LIFE
2026	PHILOSOPHICAL FOUNDATIONS	LISTENING
2028		DISCERNMENT – HUMAN DIMENSION

DEACONS' PRAYER

Heavenly Father,
since the time of the Apostles
you have inspired the Church
to commission certain members
to assist in a special way
in the pastoral mission of Christ.

Bless the deacons
and all other ordained
and non-ordained ministers
that they may be humble
and faith-inspired in their service.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Amen

