



OFFICE OF THE PERMANENT DIACONATE



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

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[POPE FRANCIS ANNOUNCES YEAR OF JUBILEE IN 2025: “PILGRIMS OF HOPE”](#)

In a letter addressed to President of the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization, Archbishop Rino Fisichella, Pope Francis noted “the Jubilee has always been an event of great spiritual, ecclesial, and social significance in the life of the Church.” He recalled that ever since the year 1300, which marked the first Holy Year, “God’s holy and faithful people has experienced this celebration as a special gift of grace, characterized by the forgiveness of sins and in particular by the indulgence, which is a full expression of the mercy of God.”

Considering the recent COVID-19 pandemic, which left no country unscathed, Pope Francis writes that he has chosen the motto *“Pilgrims of Hope,”* for the Jubilee. He explained this will indeed be the case if we are capable of “recovering a sense of universal fraternity and refuse to turn a blind eye to the tragedy of rampant poverty that prevents millions of men, women, young people and children from living in a manner worthy of our human dignity.

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[NEW ON DEACONS' DEN!](#)

What does Bishop Noonan expect from synod discussions in Orlando? His answer might surprise you!

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

These young men are celebrating an octogenarian birthday. Let's wish them a very blessed year!

Deacon Jack Martin, Resurrection, Winter Garden, is turning 85

Deacon Gilberto Torres, Our Lady of the Lakes, Deltona, is turning 85

Deacon Lee Stilwell, St. Paul, Leesburg, is turning 83

Deacon Nick Varsalona, Blessed Sacrament, Cocoa, is turning 83

Deacon Sergio Colon, Ascension, Melbourne, is turning 80

Deacon Richard Kaseta, St. Timothy, Lady Lake, is turning 80

ANNUAL RETREATS

There is still time to schedule your annual overnight retreat.

March 25-27 led by the Sisters of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary;

April 21-23 led by Father Hector Troche. *This retreat will be in Spanish.*

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(While you are required to attend an overnight retreat, you may also schedule an individual overnight retreat and request reimbursement for up to \$300 from the Office of the Permanent Diaconate.)

ANNUAL FORMS

Annual forms **must be submitted by June 1st**. Please schedule meetings with your pastors now. Each year you must submit the Self- Assessment, Pastor Assessment, and the Continuing Formation form.

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CHRISM MASS

Chrism Mass will be celebrated at the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe, on Wednesday, April 13th at 11:00 a.m. All deacons are invited to vest in alb and diocesan stole and sit in choir.

DIACONATE ORDINATION

Eighteen men will be ordained as Permanent Deacons on Saturday, June 11th at 10 a.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe. Please attend and welcome these men into the fraternal order of Deacons.

IN MEMORIAM

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Angel, father in-law of Jesus Suarez, Cohort 2022

Mr. Juan Contreras, father of
Deacon William Contreras and Deacon Juan Contreras

William Zeitler, father of Mark Zeitler, Cohort 2024

Mother in-law of Dcn. John Broehl, St. Faustina

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

ADMINISTRATIVE

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 and 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.](#)

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



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 26th, 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at St. Mary Magdalen 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.

The conference will feature presentations in English, Spanish, and Portuguese.

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MINISTRY PROFESSIONALS GATHERING: EVANGELIZING PARISHES

Matt Regitz from Divine Renovation will join us on March 29th, 9:00am - 2:30pm at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church, to present a workshop on ways our parishes can grow as evangelical, missional hubs focused on the main mission of the Church: helping people become disciples who follow Jesus Christ. If you have heard of Fr. James Mallon and his success at transforming his parishes in Nova Scotia, this is the organization he created to share his success story. Pastors, parochial vicars, and deacons are invited to join us for this event as well.

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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, March 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		Liturgy of the Mass Practicum w/ Dcn. Dave Camous
2024	Homiletics	Ministerial Collaboration & Balance w/ Regina and Dan Boyd
2026	Christian History	Social Justice w/ Dcn. Gary Hessen

