



BISHOP'S LETTER

IT IS TIME TO TRULY EXAMINE YOUR CONSCIENCE

My Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Whom do you seek this Lenten season?
How are you in relationship with God and
your sisters and brothers? The prophet Joel
calls us to return to God with our whole
heart. This is a big ask!

For while we are hope-filled pilgrims on
the journey to the New Jerusalem, the core
of our being, our heart, may be multi-
tasking.

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Chrism Mass

April 14th, 2025

Basilica of the National Shrine of
Mary, Queen of the Universe



**JENNIFER WILL EMAIL AN ATTENDANCE SHEET TO RESERVE
ENOUGH PEWS FOR THOSE WHO WILL BE ATTENDING.**

DEACON RETREATS

LAST CALL

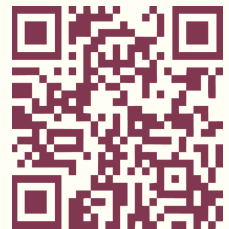
ABRIL 25-27, 2025

**IDENTIDAD DE LA
FAMILIA DIACONAL,
SIGNO DE ESPERANZA**

RETIRO DIRIGIDO POR EL PADRE
DUBERNEY RODAS GRAJALES

En el marco de la celebración del Año Jubilar 2025 “Peregrinos de esperanza”, este retiro ofrece la oportunidad para fortalecer la identidad de la familia diaconal, que es signo de esperanza cristiana. Tendremos la oportunidad de reflexionar y orar juntos, para que al encuentro con Jesús y fortalecidos en la consciencia del don recibido, el servicio diaconal se manifieste como signo de esperanza en el pueblo de Dios al que servimos en el ministerio eclesial, según la indicación del apóstol: “El que ha recibido el don de la palabra, que la enseñe como palabra de Dios. El que ejerce un ministerio, que lo haga como quien recibe de Dios ese poder, para que Dios sea glorificado en todas las cosas, por Jesucristo. ¡A él sea la gloria y el poder, por los siglos de los siglos!” Amén. (1 Pedro 4,11).

For more information and to register, visit
www.sanpedrocenter.org/deacon-retreats, scan the **QR code** or
call **Jazmine Hernandez** at **(407) 671-6322 ext. 115**.



San Pedro Spiritual Development Center offers retreats. You may check their schedule at <https://www.sanpedrocenter.org/upcoming-events>



NEW ANNUAL FORM DUE JUNE 1ST

Reminder annual forms are due June 1, 2025. Schedule your pastor meetings now. Remember to use the new form available at:

<https://www.orlandodiocese.org/office/diaconate-forms/>

**If you have a liturgy or event you wish to serve at and need a letter of good standing, please start to turn in your annual forms and be sure to have taken your overnight retreat! Otherwise, we cannot issue a letter on good standing on your behalf.*



GOOD NEWS SECTION

Sinclair Cushman, seminarian was ordained as a Transitional Deacon on March 29th, 2025.

GOOD STANDING STATUS

Reminder to all inactive deacons, while you aren't required to complete your annual forms or participate in an annual retreat, you must stay up to date with Safe Environment Training and fingerprint clearance. If you allow your clearance to expire, you may not serve in any parish or diocesan liturgies.

CONTINUING FORMATION

THE ART OF CELEBRATION: SOMETHING MORE IS REQUIRED

WEDNESDAYS, MAY 7 TO JUNE 4 AT 1:00 ET

MAY 7

UNDERSTANDING ARS CELEBRANDI

Fr. Paul Turner and Fr. Bruce Cinquegrani

MAY 14

THE ROLE OF THE ASSEMBLY

Sr. Joyce Ann Zimmerman, CppS

MAY 21

THE ROLE OF THE PRESIDER

Bishop Mark Seitz

MAY 28

LAY MINISTERS

Msgr. Michael Begolly and Victoria Tufano

JUNE 4

MUSIC AND THE LITURGY

Dr. Dolores Martinez and Dr. Steve Janco



Registration is now live at: www.fdlc.org/artofcelebrating2025



SPIRITUAL DIRECTION PROGRAMS

Have you or your wife considered becoming a spiritual director? As many of you are aware there are not enough trained spiritual directors within the Diocese of Orlando to meet the demands. Directors are needed to support our couples in diaconate formation and the host of lay persons desiring to deepen their relationship with God.

The following links are to trusted spiritual direction schools.

SACRED PRESENCE

Hosted by Mayslake Ministries at San Pedro Spiritual Development Center, Winter Park.

CENACLE SCHOOL OF SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Hosted by the Marian Servants of Divine Providence, Clearwater, FL.

For those seeking a certified spiritual director you can contact:

SAN PEDRO SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Katie Phillips, email: katie@Sanpedrocenter.org

THE MARIAN SERVANTS OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE

Via this [link](#).



LITURGY

It has come to our attention that there are deacons who are teaching, encouraging, and coaching parishioners (young and old alike) that their personal liturgical practices are the only acceptable norms for liturgical dress, posture, and how to receive communion. To note just a few:

- **Chapel Vails:** are an acceptable option for women, not a requirement.
- **Kneeling to receive communion** is an option, not to be encouraged, especially for those who struggle to get back up.
- **Receiving communion on the tongue** is an acceptable option, not a requirement. (*GIRM, Norms for the Distribution of Holy Communion Under Both Kinds, 41*)

Catholics need to be properly disposed to receive Communion. Canon Law outlines some ground rules as to how to determine whether we are properly disposed. In general, **Canon Law is strongly prejudiced toward giving someone Holy Communion.**

We are charged with the great care of souls with our brother priests and the Bishop. Please use due care in fulfilling this responsibility. For additional questions and guidance you may contact the permanent diaconate office or the diocesan worship director Bruce Croteau, email bcroteau@orlandodiocese.org.

IN REMEMBRANCE

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Eternal rest grant unto
them, O Lord, and may
perpetual light shine upon
them. May their souls and
the souls of all the faithful
departed through the mercy
of God rest in peace.

Amen.



Memorial Mass

FRIDAY, APRIL 25

Mary, Mother of God Chapel
San Pedro Spiritual Development Center

Happy Birthday

— TO OUR SENIOR DEACONS! —

DEACON JERRY KELLY	86
DEACON RAFAEL MEJIA	86
DEACON LUIS ABREU	85
DEACON BOB BASYE	84
DEACON PHILLIP PIERPONT	83
DEACON LUIS ROMAN	83
DEACON JOSE VIDAL RAMOS	83
DEACON LARRY BROCKMAN	82
DEACON LEE LEVENSON	80



BEST PRACTICES FOR MAKING DISCIPLES

One-day workshop for
initiation teams
and leaders

APRIL 26, 2025

9:30a.m. – 4:00p.m
Orlando, FL

Diocese of Orlando



Team Ti
Initiation

with Diana Macalintal

Cofounder and Codirector, Team Initiation

Get the tools and skills you need to accompany seekers to Christ

- Identify the six principles of a catechumenal culture
- Discover what's new in the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults
- Understand the journey of faith and its mystagogical itinerary for each seeker
- Explore a simple way to facilitate mystagogical catechesis
- Learn the three movements of evangelization
- Study the four areas of Christian life that help communities make disciples

Whether you are new to catechumenate ministry or have been doing this for many years, you are sure to come away from this training event with more confidence and joy for this beautiful ministry of the Church. Get started today with these pre-workshop videos: teaminitiation.com/institute-prep

LOCATION

Holy Family Catholic Church

5125 South Apopka Vineland Road
Orlando, FL 32819

HOSTED BY

Diocese of Orlando

Secretariat for Laity, Family, and Life

INFO & TO REGISTER

<https://ocia20250426.eventbrite.com>

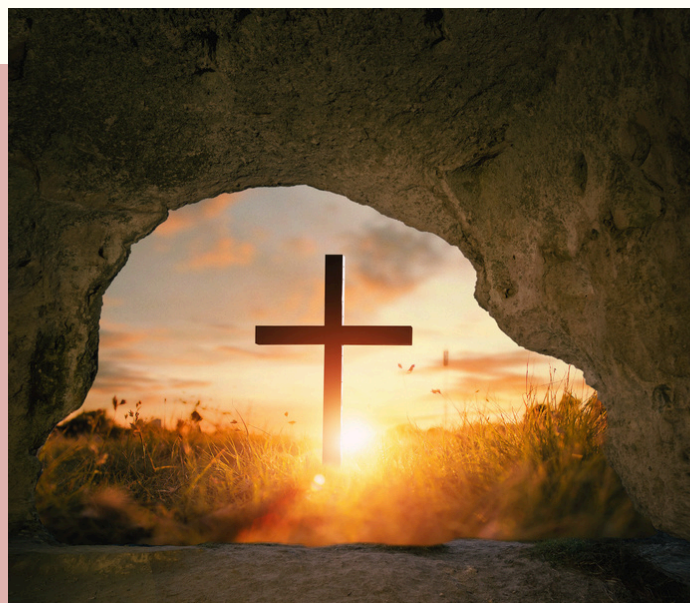
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Diocesan Calendar



LITURGICAL CORNER



**DIOCESAN
LITURGICAL
CALENDAR**



**DIOCESAN
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ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**CONFIRMATION
SCHEDULE**



**ANUNCIO DEL
BOLETÍN
DIOCESANO**



**MARRIAGE
PREPARATION**

