



## BISHOP'S LETTER

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# PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE LEADS TO PATH OF HEAVEN

My Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Grace and Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you this holy season of Easter. Imagine the smallness of the group of those who had walked with Jesus, followed him on the Way of the Cross, and was one of the “500 or more (1 Cor 15:6)” who witnessed Him glorified! This small group of followers, even under the threat of persecution and death, continued to stay faithful to Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life. They spoke about Him as they gathered and shared the Good News with one another. From that group, the Word spread through all the earth and today we also bear the treasure of the Gospel.

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## NEW ANNUAL DUE JUNE 1ST

Reminder that your annual forms are due June 1, 2025. Schedule your pastor meetings NOW! Remember you MUST use the new form available at:

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

## ANNUAL DEACON RETREATS

Thank you to all who attended our sponsored Deacon Retreats. We hope you were spiritually uplifted. We were grateful for all the help provided by the Office of Worship in arranging musicians and cantors for most liturgies and for preparing the worship aids. As this was our first time with San Pedro Center handling these retreats, we understand that some people encountered issues regarding their reservation. **Please keep in mind that all reservations are done through San Pedro and no longer through our office.** Please read the Director's Notes each month for upcoming retreats and to ensure you are staying current with changes in the retreat registration process. It is important for you to register quickly as rooms are allotted on a 1<sup>st</sup> come 1<sup>st</sup> served basis. In addition, we are working with San Pedro Center to have a confirmation email go to you after you have registered.



## GOOD NEWS SECTION

HUGE thank you to Deacon Angelo and Sorelena Guevara and Deacon Miguel and Mayra Carrion, as they were the host families for the visiting deacons from the Dominican Republic. Deacon Nilson and his wife, Yoselin, and Deacon Yadir and his wife, Denia, serve our sister Diocese of San Juan de la Maguana. They were visiting to attend our Spanish-language retreat with our deacon couples at San Pedro Center. We appreciate the Guevara's and Carrion's hospitality to these couples and we are so grateful for their generosity.

## MINISTRIES

### **CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF CENTRAL FLORIDA, PATHWAYS TO CARE.**

Learn how to volunteer.

<https://pathwaystocare.org/volunteer/>

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### **TOURISM**

Contact Deacon Joe Gassman to discover what is needed to serve at the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe.

[Email: jgassman@orlandodiocese.org](mailto:jgassman@orlandodiocese.org)



*The Marriage Tribunal is looking for an individual to serve/assist as an Annulment Advocate for the parishes of Brevard, Orange and Polk counties.*

# TRIBUNAL ADVOCATE NEEDED

## RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

- Explaining the annulment process to petitioners
- Assisting and representing parishioners before the Marriage Tribunal by introducing petitions for Declarations of Nullity on their behalf
- Recording petitioner testimonies and acting as the liaison between petitioners and the Marriage Tribunal
- Updating pastors regarding cases from their parishes
- Assisting OCIA directors in determining marital status of candidates and catechumens
- Maintaining a close working relationship with the Marriage Tribunal Staff

## **SOUTHERN DEANERY IS IN DESPERATE NEED**

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*The Advocate should possess an understanding and training in the annulment process in the Catholic Church as well as an understanding of the theology of the Sacrament of Marriage.*

IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT DIANA ANDERSON AT:  
**407.246.4851 OR [DANDERSON@ORLANDODIOCESE.ORG](mailto:DANDERSON@ORLANDODIOCESE.ORG)**







## FORMATION DEACON MENTORS

Our next workshop for those wishing to be a mentor for men in formation will be offered via Zoom on the evening of June 10<sup>th</sup>. An email will be sent out a month in advance to confirm the date and time and ask for interested deacons to sign up. If you feel called to walk with one of our formation men and their wives, please RSVP at that time. You must have been ordained for a minimum of three years to be eligible. You must also be in good standing to be assigned as a mentor. If you are unsure if you are in good standing, please check with Jennifer.





## CONTINUING FORMATION - THE NOLAN LECTURE

# THEOLOGY OF PERMANENT DIACONATE

Saint John's School of Theology and Seminary in Collegeville, MN, is happy to share with you about our upcoming Fall 2025 event focusing on the theology of the permanent diaconate, the Nolan Lecture. Please see attached event flyer.

Formation for the permanent diaconate at Saint John's is rooted in the initial work of the United States Catholic Bishops on diaconal formation that they began in the late 1960s. Father Kieran Nolan, OSB of Saint John's Abbey was a consultant for the US bishops at that time on diaconal formation, and in 1969 brought back to Saint John's the initiative to begin a diaconal formation program here, one of the first in the nation. The Nolan Lecture for the theology of the permanent diaconate honors this historic legacy of diaconal formation and invites participants to a two day symposium in to pray, learn, reflect, and enjoy fellowship.

The Nolan Lecture will be held **Sept 12-13, 2025** at Saint John's. Please see attached event flyer for details, including keynote by Bishop Shawn McKnight of Jefferson City, and additional topic sessions on diaconal preaching and the perspective of diaconal spouses. Additional information for registration is on our website [here](#).





## CONTINUING FORMATION

# EVENING OF REFLECTION FOR MINISTERS AND EDUCATORS

Join the St. Leo University School of Theology and Religious Studies for an evening of reflection on ministry and education in the Church. All are welcome to reflect and pray with our speakers: Dr. Ben Morre, Bishop McLaughlin HS, Father Zach Brasseur, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Carmen Cayon, St. Paul Parish, Deacon Hector Rios, St. Mark the Evangelist Parish, and Dr. Parker Plante, Colonel (Ret) USAF.

*Zoom is available for those who can't attend in person.*

Please join us and share with anyone interested. To RSVP, for the zoom link, or for any additional information: [Randall.woodard@saintleo.edu](mailto:Randall.woodard@saintleo.edu)

Wednesday, June 4 from 7-8:30 pm at the Tampa Education Center  
1403 N Howard Ave. Tampa, FL 33607





# LITURGY

## DID YOU KNOW?

The double Alleluia dismissal is chanted at the end of Mass on Easter Sunday, each day of the Easter Octave, and on Pentecost Sunday. It is not sung on the intervening Sundays of Easter time. The Easter Octave is the eight-day period following Easter Sunday, including the following days: Easter Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Divine Mercy Sunday.

Of course you did, that's why no one ever calls to ask that question . . . 🙄



# 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, MAY 30

Mary, Mother of God Chapel  
San Pedro Spiritual Development Center

# *Happy Birthday*

— TO OUR SENIOR DEACONS! —

DEACON ANDY MURELLO	93
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DEACON FRANK FALOTICO	89
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DEACON ANTONIO MARTINEZ	89
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DEACON DAVE WENDEL	83
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**Deacon John Triolo**  
Corpus Christi Parish



**Deacon William Burns**  
St. Timothy Parish

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# Ordination to the Priesthood

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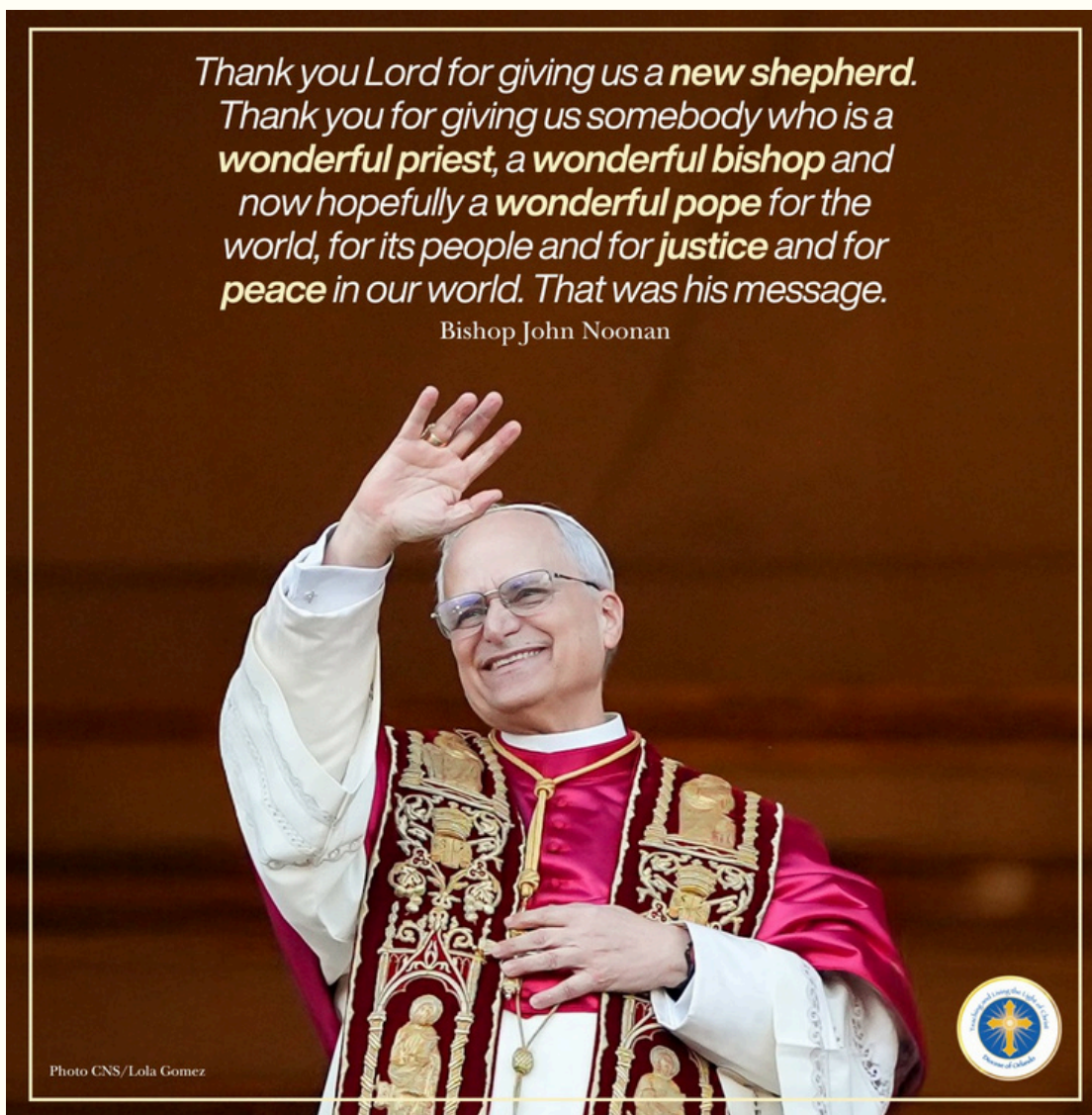
Saturday, May 24th, 2025 | 10 a.m.  
St. James Cathedral, Orlando



# WELCOME, POPE LEO XIV!

*Thank you Lord for giving us a **new shepherd**.  
Thank you for giving us somebody who is a  
**wonderful priest**, a **wonderful bishop** and  
now hopefully a **wonderful pope** for the  
world, for its people and for **justice** and for  
**peace** in our world. That was his message.*

Bishop John Noonan



LET US CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR OUR HOLY  
FATHER! MAY HE GUIDE OUR CHURCH  
TOWARD PEACE AND JUSTICE!  
FLORIDA CATHOLIC ARTICLE



# DIOCESAN CALENDAR

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## LITURGICAL CORNER



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