



## BISHOP'S LETTER

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### THINK OF OURSELVES AS GOD'S CRAFTSMAN

My Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

On the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, we also praise God for the gift of fathers — humankind, born of God to serve God. These holy men guide us to faith in God by their example of daily living, introducing us to the Sacraments and leading us to receive Jesus the Eucharist, that we craft all our labor to God. The pilgrimage of our heart journeys to St. Joseph, the father of Jesus, whose very fiat brought forth great love of our Blessed Mother and opened wide the pages of salvation history as Jesus is born to us through this Holy Family.

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## NEW ANNUAL DUE NOW

Thank you to all those who already submitted annual forms. We appreciate the great job so many of you have done in using the new form! This is a reminder annual forms were due by June 1, 2025, so if you have not already done so, please submit ASAP. Remember you **MUST** use the new form available at:

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

## FORMATION DISCERNMENT NIGHTS

*You are encouraged to invite all men and their wives, who believe they may have a calling to the Diaconate, to attend one of our upcoming discernment nights this fall:*

**SEPTEMBER 11**

**ST. JOSEPH**

Lakeland

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**SEPTEMBER 17**

**ST. CHARLES BORROMEO**

Orlando

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**SEPTEMBER 18**

**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST**

Viera

**SEPTEMBER 23**

**CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY**

Port Orange

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**SEPTEMBER 24**

**ST. JOHN VIANNEY**

Orlando

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**SEPTEMBER 25**

**ST. TIMOTHY**

Lady Lake





## DEACON MENTORS

We are having our deacon mentor training workshop on June 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. If you think you may be interested in walking with a man in formation as he journeys through his Candidacy years, please email [dcamous@orlandodiocese.org](mailto:dcamous@orlandodiocese.org) to receive the meeting link.

## LETTERS OF GOOD STANDING

As we continue into summertime, if you plan on traveling and think you may want to assist at Masses, you must request a letter of good standing. Please refer to our webpage for policies on letters of good standing.

<https://www.orlandodiocese.org/office/request-a-letter-of-good-standing/>





## 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)

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### MINISTRY TO THE INCARCERATED

If you want to learn more about this ministry, please reach out to Deacon Jimmy Avellan.

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





## GOOD NEWS SECTION

The Office of Permanent Deacons is pleased to announce Deacon Bryan Zornik has accepted the offer to become the Associate Director of Deacon Formation for the Diocese of Orlando. Deacon Zornik was selected after a competitive national search of diverse, qualified candidates.

Deacon Zornik brings to the position 20 years of management experience including extensive design and development of training workshops in both corporate and parish settings. Deacon Zornik received his diaconate formation as part of the Diocese of Orlando formation program and was ordained a permanent deacon in June 2024. Deacon Zornik, his wife, Maryanne, and their two sons are members of Annunciation Catholic Church where Deacon Zornik is assigned.

Deacon Zornik will begin his new position in mid-July. Please join us in welcoming him to his new role.

## AN INTERESTING PAPAL FACT

Deacon Jerry Hempstead, inspired by the papal lineage of the Pope Leo XIV's name, shared this interesting fact from history. Pope Leo the Great (Leo I) was elected pope while a deacon, having not been ordained a priest, in 440 A.D. Leo was away on mission in Gaul at the time, and was elected unanimously by the clergy and people of Rome. No Conclave of Cardinals? At that time the rank of Cardinal did not exist in the Church, there was no College of Cardinals until the 12<sup>th</sup> century, and the Conclave was not formally established until 1274 A.D. While there were other deacons and even laymen selected as pope, we can still celebrate this historical connection by name to Pope Leo XIV. Deacon Jerry also celebrates that he is a Villanova alum. Go Wildcats!





## CONTINUING FORMATION

# LEVEL UP YOUR FAITH

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. [Click here for more information on this event.](#)

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 begun in the late 1960s. Father Kieran Nolan, OSB of Saint John's Abbey, was a consultant for the U.S. on diaconal formation, and in 1969 brought back to Saint John's the initiative to begin a diaconal formation program there, 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 to pray, learn, reflect, and enjoy fellowship.

[Register for Applied Biblical Studies](#)

[Register for Defending the Faith](#)





## CONTINUING FORMATION

# THE NOLAN LECTURE

The Nolan Lecture will be held Sept. 12-13, 2025 at Saint John's. Please see the [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.](#)

# LOCATION CHANGE FOR CONVOCATION

Please mark your calendars for the Diaconate Convocation on October 4, 2025, at Annunciation Catholic Church, Altamonte Springs.



# 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*

**SPANISH - FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 8:30 A.M**

**ENGLISH - FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 8:30 A.M.**

Mary, Mother of God Chapel  
San Pedro Spiritual Development Center



# *Happy Birthday*

— TO OUR SENIOR DEACONS! —

DEACON DON BOLAND	98
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DEACON AL SOMMA	88
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DEACON FELIX MORILLO	82
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DEACON LARRY HERBERT	80
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DEACON STEVE LUMBERT	80
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PREPARATION**



