



BISHOP'S LETTER

EXTEND GOD'S MERCY IN ORDER TO PRAISE GOD

My Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Within our faith, we associate freedom with the ability to love, as Moses and Jesus speak. Moses said to "return to the Lord with all your heart and all your soul." Jesus affirms what Moses said and clarifies even further when a scholar of the law said that to inherit eternal life, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself" (Luke 10:27). These words may seem so simple. Jesus illumines the strength of God's Word when He says that loving God is more than being passive. As the scholar and Jesus discuss who is our neighbor and Jesus speaks about the Samaritan who ministers to an injured man on the road, while others pass him by, Jesus asks each one of us, who treated the man as a neighbor? The scholar replied, "The one who treated him with mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise" (Luke 10:37).

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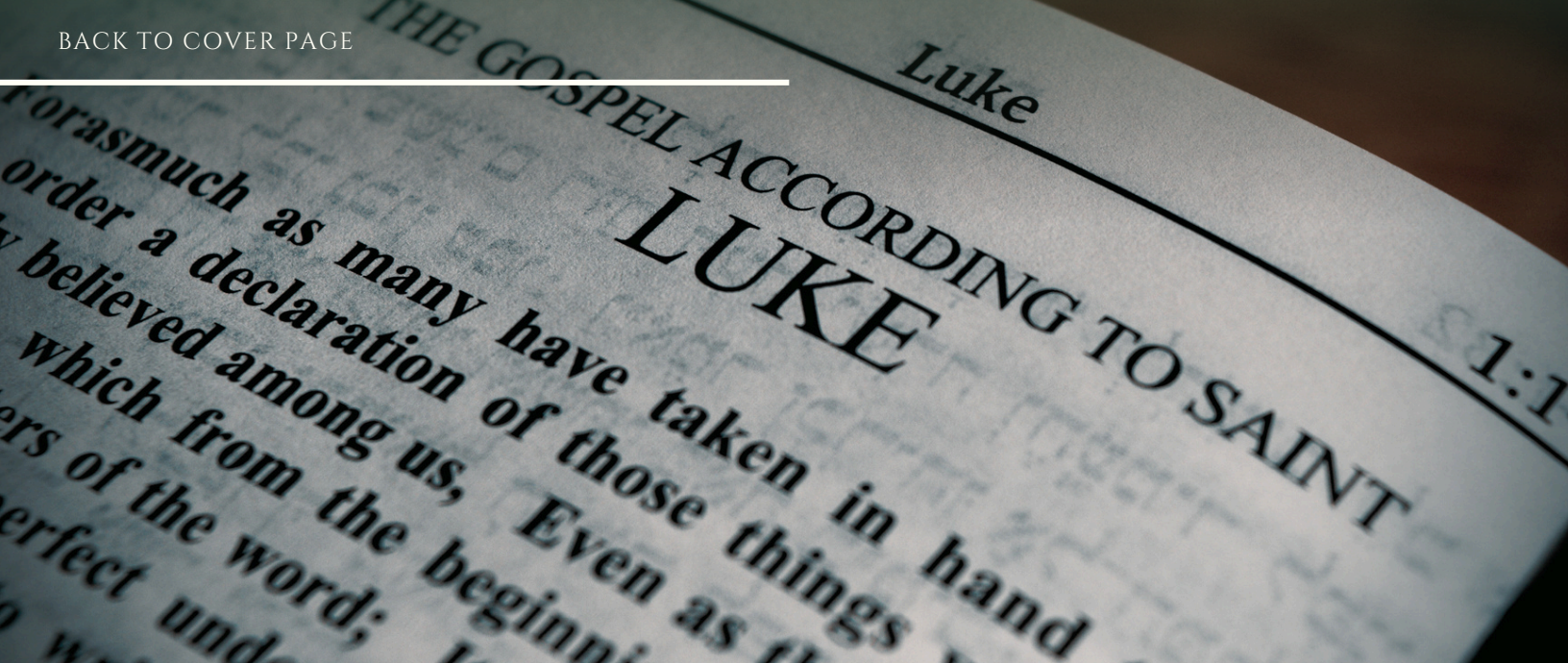
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FORMATION DISCERNMENT NIGHTS

You are encouraged to invite all men who believe they may have a calling to the diaconate to attend one of our upcoming discernment nights this fall. Wives are also invited.

SEPTEMBER 11

ST. JOSEPH

Lakeland

SEPTEMBER 17

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO

Orlando

SEPTEMBER 18

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Viera

SEPTEMBER 23

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

Port Orange

SEPTEMBER 24

ST. JOHN VIANNEY

Orlando

SEPTEMBER 25

ST. TIMOTHY

Lady Lake

LETTERS OF GOOD STANDING

If you plan to travel this summer 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.](#)



DIACONATE FORMATION

We are pleased to announce 16 men successfully completed their formal discernment year and have been invited to begin their first year of aspirancy (the first of the five years of formation). They will be joined by a man who previously paused his first year for family reasons, so we will welcome 17 men and their wives into Cohort 2030. These men represent 16 different parishes in all six deaneries. Twelve of the 17 men are also bilingual in Spanish.

Rite of Candidacy for the 10 men in Cohort 2028 is August 9, 2025, at Sts. Peter and Paul Parish, Winter Park.

Rite of Acolyte for the nine candidates in Cohort 2026 is October 4, 2025, at Annunciation, Altamonte Springs during our convocation Mass. These men are entering their last year of formation before Ordination on June 6, 2026.

Please pray for these men and their families and those on the formation team.

DEACON MENTORS

We are grateful for the 17 deacons who attended the Deacon Mentor Workshop to either learn about or refresh themselves on the mentor program for deacon candidates. The names of deacons who attended the workshop have been added to the database offered to new candidates. Our goal is to complete mentor assignments by the end of July.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR DIACONATE CONVOCATION OCTOBER 4, 2025, AT ANNUNCIATION, ALTAMONTE SPRINGS.



MINISTRIES

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF CENTRAL FLORIDA, PATHWAYS TO CARE

Pathways to Care (PTC) is a not for profit, licensed Assisted Living Facility, which provides medical respite to people experiencing homelessness. PTC serves as a post hospital resource for patients without a safe place to heal from injury, illness, or another medical setback. [Click here to learn more.](#)

TOURISM

BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF MARY, QUEEN OF THE UNIVERSE

Very Rev. Ivan Olmo has been appointed Rector of the Basilica effective July 1, 2025. There are opportunities to minister to the thousands of pilgrims from around the country and the world as we serve in this magnificent Basilica. If you are interested to serve on our team of deacons, contact [Deacon Joe Gassman](#).

Opportunities to serve in one of the many liturgical ministries are also available for your wife.

MINISTRY TO THE INCARCERATED

There is an urgent need to increase the number of clergy ministering to our incarcerated brothers and sisters in local prisons and jails. To learn more about this ministry, please contact [Deacon Jimmy Avellan](#).



FROM WELCOME TO WITNESS

BEST PRACTICES FOR MAKING DISCIPLES



Team *ti* Initiation
with **Diana Macalintal**

Co-founder and Co-director, 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

SEPT. 26, 2025 | 9:30 A.M. - 4 P.M.
St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church

526 North Park Ave.
Winter Park, FL 32789

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

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NEW MASS FORMULARY

FOR THE CARE OF CREATION

His Holiness, Pope Leo XIV has approved a new Mass formulary for the Roman Missal and ordered that it be promulgated. *Missa pro Custodia Creationis* (“For the Care of Creation”) will be added as a Mass for Various Needs and Occasions.

In a July 3 press conference, Cardinal Michael Czerny, S.J. (Prefect of the Dicastery for the Promotion of Integral Human Development) and Msgr. Vittorio Francesco Viola, OFM (Secretary of the Dicastery for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments) announced the release of this addition to the Roman Missal. Cardinal Czerny spoke of the history behind and the rationale for the Mass formulary and Msgr. Viola walked through the texts and the readings. The Prefect of the DPIHD added that the Mass for the Care of Creation “calls us to be faithful stewards of what God has entrusted to us—in our daily choices and in public policy, as well as in prayer, worship, and the way we live in the world.”

The complete, 42 minute video of this press conference [may be found here](#). English translation is provided.

As is typical, the Mass texts have been released in Latin. Of course, it is the right and duty of episcopal conferences throughout the world to provide the official translation, but the DDWDS has released some working translations in order to make the work of translation easier.



CONTINUED - NEW MASS FORMULARY FOR THE CARE OF CREATION

The Decree (Prot N. 283/24) “On the Formulary and Biblical Readings for the Mass for the Care of Creation” was signed by Cardinal Arthur Roche and issued on the solemnity of Pentecost, June 8, 2025. It noted, “At this time it is evident that the work of creation is seriously threatened because of the irresponsible use and abuse of the goods God has endowed to our care” (cf. *Laudato si*, n.2).

In the past several years, many ecumenical movements had sought a feast or solemnity or even a season in honor of creation. Pope Francis chose to encourage a Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation (September 1). Likewise, Pope Leo XIV encourages our participation in a World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation on September 1, 2025. Its theme is “Seeds of Peace and Hope.”

By disseminating this new Mass formulary, the Holy Father recognizes that we might focus on this issue at other times of the year, when the liturgical day allows. “... [T]he Eucharist is also a source of light and motivation for our concerns for the environment, directing us to be stewards of all creation” (Decree, Cardinal Roche, quoting *Laudato si*, no. 236).

Pope Leo used the new formulary at a Mass at Castel Gandolfo on July 9, 2025. However, please wait for the official translation to be released by the USCCB before using it in the dioceses of the United States. As with all new additions to the Roman Missal, official Mass texts and appointed readings will be distributed to Bishops and posted on the USCCB website.



CONTINUING FORMATION

LEVEL UP YOUR FAITH

Saint John's School of Theology and Seminary in Collegeville, MN, is happy to announce our upcoming Fall 2025 event focusing on the theology of the permanent diaconate, the Nolan Lecture.

Formation for the permanent diaconate at Saint John's is rooted in the initial work of the United States Catholic Bishops on diaconal formation begun in the late 1960s. Father Kieran Nolan, OSB of Saint John's Abbey was a consultant for the U.S. bishops at that time 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. [Click here](#) for details, including keynote by Archbishop Shawn McKnight of Kansas City, KS, and additional topic sessions on diaconal preaching and the perspective of diaconal spouses. Additional information on registration can be found [here](#).

RETREAT CENTER OPTIONS

For those who have not yet made their annual retreat, or those looking for a new retreat experience, here are some nearby options to explore:

OUR LADY OF FLORIDA SPIRITUAL CENTER

North Palm Beach, FL

Our Lady of Florida Spiritual Center is a monastery and retreat house belonging to the Congregation of the Passion (C.P.) The Congregation of the Passion, or Passionists, are a religious congregation of the Catholic Church founded by St. Paul of the Cross in 1725. The mission of the Passionists is to preserve and make present the message that Jesus loves us, and His passion, death, and resurrection are the ultimate sign of that love. [Click here to learn more.](#)

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP RETREAT AND SPIRITUALITY CENTER

VENICE, FL

The Center operates under the guidance of the Bishop of Venice, in collaboration with the leadership of the Catholic Center, the staff, advisory board, volunteers, and supporters, modeling Christ's teachings of service and hospitality to others.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat and Spirituality Center provides a setting to serve those searching for God: people of Catholic parishes, participants of programs of the Diocese of Venice, and people of Christian faith searching for spiritual help and growth. It provides a place of peace and beauty, where one can develop a closer relationship with God. [Click here to learn more.](#)

IGNATIUS HOUSE JESUIT RETREAT CENTER

SANDY SPRINGS, GA

Ignatius House Jesuit Retreat Center provides a sacred place of peace and quiet and offers the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola to facilitate an encounter with God that leads to a willing and loving service of the least of our brothers and sisters (Matthew 25:31-46). [Click here to learn more.](#)



SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR TRAINING

San Pedro has partnered with Mayslake Ministries to provide an intensive 10 month program for men and women to equip them with the spiritual formation and necessary skills to answer God's call to the ministry of Spiritual Direction, while earning a professional certificate in Spiritual Direction.

The program is staffed by a team of practicing Mayslake Ministries Spiritual Directors and affiliates who for decades have accompanied spiritual seekers on their journey to grow closer to God. Our facilitators are skilled in Theology, Philosophy, Sacred Scripture and other disciplines, as well as a wide array of spiritual traditions including: Ignatian, Franciscan, and Benedictine spirituality.

What is Spiritual Direction? Spiritual direction is an excellent pathway to help people renew their faith. With the help of the Holy Spirit, the director prayerfully listens as a person shares the joys and struggles of his or her faith life. Through shared dialogue, the director and directee discuss the action of God's spirit working in their life. In the process of spiritual direction, individuals can heal, build and strengthen their relationship with Jesus, and this can be life changing.

[Click here to learn more.](#)

A PORTRAIT OF THE PERMANENT DIACONATE IN 2024 BY THE USCCB

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has released the latest national survey of the Office of the Permanent Diaconate. Conducted by CARA between February and May 2025, the study gathers insights from dioceses and eparchies across the country to provide an updated snapshot of the diaconate's presence and ministry in the Church today.

[Click here to learn more.](#)

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, JULY 18, 8:30 A.M

ENGLISH - FRIDAY, JULY 25, 8:30 A.M.

Mary, Mother of God Chapel
San Pedro Spiritual Development Center

Happy Birthday

— TO OUR SENIOR DEACONS! —

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DEACON DAVID SANDBURG	85
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DEACON JESUS DAVILA	84
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DEACON JOHN HOWELL	83
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DEACON BILL CASTELLANE	81
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DEACON JOSE GONZALEZ	81
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