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OFFICE OF THE PERMANENT DIACONATE



"Urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received." (Eph 4:1)

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

DIACONATE CONVOCATION: October 6th @ St. Mary Magdalen, 7:45 - 3:30.

We have 327 deacons, wives, family and friends registered for the 2018 Diaconate Convocation. 85% of the Diocese serving deacons have registered to attend.

As a reminder: if you have annual documents to turn in we will be collecting them at the convocation (Policy Acknowledgements, SME, Continuing Formation, and Funeral Arrangements).

We have a packed agenda to include Keynote Speakers: Deacon William T. Ditewig, Ph.D. & Bishop John Noonan, sharing the highlights from the 2018 Deacon Survey & Diaconate Formation Curriculum Workshop as well as breakout groups for: 2019 Convocation & Retreats Planning Committee, Widows & Wives Working Group and Deanery Specific Groupings.

Fingerprint Results

A common question Jennifer gets when doing follow up on the results of a deacons background clearance is, "Why are you asking me for the clearance, don't you get notified?"

Unfortunately we do not. Your clearance is based on a parish code. Therefore when the results come back they go directly to your parish business administrator. The Diaconate office does NOT get notified. Until we can determine a system solution, prior to this office issuing 2nd and 3rd notices of expiring background checks we first check with the fingerprinting office.

You could help us by first sending (email or snail mail) your Safe Environment Certificate once you successfully complete the program and then checking with your business administrator 2 to 4 weeks after you complete your fingerprint appointment. Thank you for your patience and cooperation in this matter.

2018 National Diaconate Congress

The restoration of the Permanent Diaconate is 50 years young. If you would like to watch and listen to the presentations of the National Diaconate Congress held in New Orleans they can be found by following this link: [2018 National Congress](#)



ADMINISTRATIVE

Deacon Annual Documents

Thank you to those of you who have complied with the Diocesan policy to submit the annually required documents.

Return rate for the Annual documents are as follows:

- SME & Pastor Assessment w/Continuing Formation Report: 60%
- Funeral Arrangements: 53%
- Policy Manual Acknowledgement: 32%

All the forms are on the [Deacon Webpage](#) in English & Spanish. They are regularly updated as we work to ensure clarity in what is required.

NOTE: *Those completing the forms in Spanish must have them translated to English prior to submitting to the Office of the Permanent Diaconate.*

Information Coming Out Soon

Diaconate Curriculum Review: On July 14, 2018 at Annunciation Catholic Church 32 Deacons and lay persons gathered to review the existing diocesan diaconate formation curriculum. All the notes have been turned in and you can expect to see a summary report on the findings and recommendations as we continue to improve the formation program. There will be invitations to assist in completing the curriculum.

Diaconate 2018 Survey Results

LITURGICAL CORNER

Deacon Wanted

St. Theresa, Belleview is looking for a deacon to assist at the parish, bilingual preferably.

If you are interested in applying for this parish community who desires a deacon, contact Jennifer Kuhn @ jkuhn@orlandodiocese.org.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Eucharist Mandates

1. **EMHC Formation Workshops**, The new Summer/Fall 2018 schedule of EMHC Workshops is now available on the Liturgy and Music webpage.

Please visit the [EMHC Formation](#) web page for a list of upcoming workshops for new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

2. **EMHC Renewals** for mandates expiring in 2018. There will be a large number of mandates expiring on December 31, 2018 we encourage parishes to submit their renewals by September 1, 2018. [Petition for Renewal of Mandate](#) for EMHC.

CONTINUING FORMATION

1. **If Not Me, Then Who?** Sponsored by: National Council of the United States Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Inc.

This poverty education training challenges us to reflect deeply on what we believe about poverty and the people who live in it, and provides proven strategies and practical action steps for improving outcomes for our Neighbors.

Join us for a closer look at the program and get all your questions answered!

Wednesday, September 26, 2018 4:00-5:00 ET

[Register Now!](#) *(You will receive a confirmation with further information on connecting to the webinar.)*

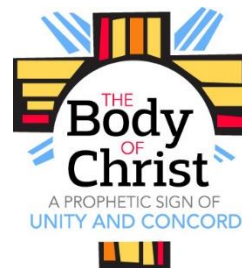
2. **FDLC - National Meeting 2018** October 2 - 4, 2018
(ATLANTA, GA)

49th National Meeting of the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions

The Body of Christ: A Prophetic Sign of Unity and Concord

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

[CLICK HERE - 2018 NATIONAL MEETING BROCHURE & REGISTRATION FORM](#)



3. **Live4More 2018 Men's Conference**. October 13, 2018 @ Holy Name of Jesus

For the [BROCHURE](#)
To register [REGISTRATION](#)



"A three-ply cord is not easily broken."Brothers better together

4. World Wide Marriage Encounter

Looking for a way to increase the love and romance in your marriage? Do you need time just for the two of you? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend Experience may be the answer!

Instead of simply listening to lectures about how to improve your marriage, you will actually learn a practical communication technique and have an opportunity to rediscover your hopes and dreams for your marriage.

English: **Oct 5-7, 2018**. For information call Bob & Sheila Baker 407-647-4289.
To register: [click here](#).

Español: **Oct 20-21, 2018**. Hotel Clarion, 3835 McCoy Rd, Bldg A. Orlando 32812.
To register: [click here](#).

5. FULLY ENGAGED

Two new training opportunities for Fully Engaged Mentor Couples!

Saturday, **September 29**: St. Catherine of Siena,
2750 East Osceola Parkway
Kissimmee FL 34743

Saturday, **November 10**: St. Joseph
5310 Babcock St. NE
Palm Bay, FL 32905

8:30 AM Check-in

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Presentation

\$65 per couple, includes materials, continental breakfast and lunch

Contact Lynda Monckton for registration information:

lmonckton@orlandodiocese.org

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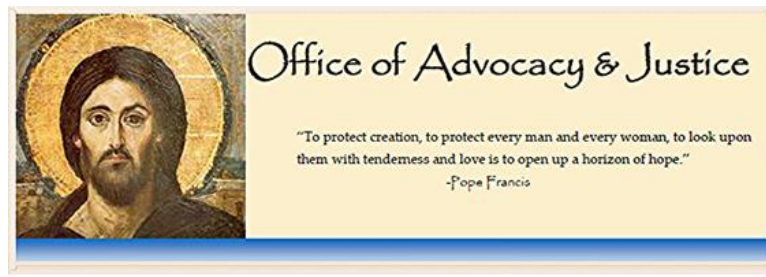
Ministry of Charity & Justice



[Click here for New & Events](#)

- a. Mental Health First Aid. Nov. 7 & 9 @ San Pedro Center
- b. Mental Health First Aid. Sep. 26 @ Sts. Peter & Paul
- c. Mental Health First Aid. Oct. 3 @ St. Margaret Mary

We strongly encourage all Deacons to participate in the Mental Health First Aid Training program. “In my interactions in the ministry to the poor and parish I have found it to be most beneficial.” Deacon Joe Gassman. [Click Here](#) to learn more or schedule a session. Contact Kyle at kosborn@cflcc.org for information on scheduling Training at your parish.



[Check out how you can help!](#)

Bishop John Noonan invites you to the Second Catholic Business Leaders breakfast

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Living the Light of Christ

Proclaiming and sharing our Faith in the World

Friday, October 26, 2018 | 8-9:30 a.m.

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church
526 N. Park Avenue, Winter Park, FL

- What does Catholic leadership look like in the marketplace?
- What is our responsibility, as Christians, to bring our faith into our professional decision making?
- What is our role and responsibility in being a faithful Catholic citizen?
- What are we called to do in our personal or civic lives?



FORMATION

Formation Weekend: October 13th & 14th @ San Pedro Center.

| Cohort | Saint Leo Course | Dimensional Workshop |
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| 2020 | Philosophical Foundations for Theology | Baptismal Preparation <i>by Deacon Joe & Elly Moran</i> |
| 2022 | Philosophical Foundations for Theology | Sacramental Language of the Mass <i>by Dan Boyd, Ph.D.</i> |
| 2024 | | Next Discernment Session (Nov) <i>by Dcn Joe Gassman</i> |

Deacon Mentors. We are in need of deacon mentors. We would like to keep the one-on-one, Mentor:Mentee ratio as we find it most beneficial for both the mentor and mentee.

We are willing to travel to the deaneries to do the Mentorship Workshop. If you are interested in hosting a mentor workshop for your deanery please contact me to schedule a date.

Interested in becoming a deacon mentor contact: jgassman@orlandodiocese.org

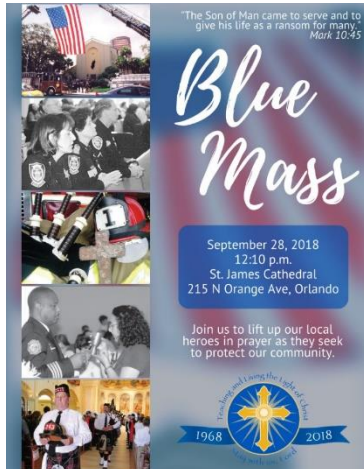
UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars

1. **PRAYER REQUESTS.** Our office releases a monthly Prayer Request list. It is prepared after the 20th of each month and emailed within that particular week.

Your petition can be very specific or general. We do believe God knows the specifics already so we are requesting your petitions/intentions arrive via email or we will be developing a web form on our Deacon Webpage to submit your prayer request there.

Prayer intentions are due to jkuhn@orlandodiocese.org or web page request by the Close of Business **on the 20th of each month.**



2. **September 28, 2018 @ 12:10,**
St. James Cathedral
RSVP to jkuhn@orlandodiocese.org

3. **2018 CONVOCATION.** Will be on **October 6, 2018 @** St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church, Altamonte Springs. Mass with the Rite of Lector (Cohort 2020) @ 8:00 a.m.

Bishop John Noonan presiding
Keynote Speaker: Deacon William T. Ditewig

4. **2019 DEACON RETREATS.** This year's retreats will be focused on the Eucharist and be held at San Pedro Center on the following weekends:

- February 1 - 3, 2019 Retreat Master: Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary
- March 1 - 3, 2019 Retreat Master: Rev. Ivan Olmo, Pastor St. Mary, Rockledge
- April 5 - 7, 2019 Retreat Master: Rev. Ivan Olmo,

San Pedro Center has 48 rooms. Rooms are booked on a first come first serve basis. If you need first floor accommodations please note this in your room request.

Reservations can be made by emailing: jkuhn@orlandodiocese.org.

5. **2019 Orlando Liturgical Conference.** Liturgy in Action: Crossing the Threshold

SAVE THE DATE! August 22nd - 24th, 2019

Announcing our New Location: Hilton Orlando,
6001 Destination Parkway
Orlando, FL 32819

The Orlando Liturgical Conference is committed to evangelize, inspire, form, and educate diverse liturgical ministers. *"Liturgy in Action: Crossing the Threshold"* will explore how encountering Christ through the progression of the Mass leads to thresholds of transformation, inspiring us to become missionary disciples. More information will be forthcoming at www.orlandoliturgicalconference.org

For a complete list of calendar of events visit the [Deacon Webpage](#).

QUESTIONS? If you have particular questions you would like to see addressed by this office, you may email your question(s) to jgassman@orlandodiocese.org or jkuhn@orlandodiocese.org.

“I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now.” (Jn 16:12)